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IT'S EUROPE V. STH AMERICA

And Argentina has the talent

From ZIKA NIKOLIC
in Buenos Aires

West Germany and Poland will throw caution to the wind in a last-ditch effort to qualify for the World Cup final tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

Germany must beat Austria by five goals and at the same time hope that Holland and Italy play a draw in the match, which will be televised live by the ABC from 2.30am tomorrow morning.

Poland must beat Brazil by four goals, while Argentina draws with Peru.

Those would be fairytale results, of course. The reality is that either Holland or Italy will qualify from Group A and that either Brazil or Argentina will emerge from Group B.

Italy must beat Holland to qualify, while a draw would be enough for Holland due to its superior goal difference.

Group B will probably be decided on goal difference. Brazil's goals tally is 3:0, Argentina's 2:0.

Clearly, both teams will throw everything into attack when Argentina meets Peru and Brazil meets Poland.

Argentina has the weaker opponent, and is therefore favored to make it.

The most likely outcome is a Holland v. Argentina final, as Italy played badly in beating Austria by only 1-0.

If Argentina does get into the final, the home crowd support should ensure it of victory.

One thing is certain: it will be a South America v. Europe final, a final to capture the imagination of two continents.

The final will be televised live by the ABC from about 4am next Monday.

The previous morning, there will be a live telecast of the play-off for third place — possibly between Brazil and Italy.

On the other hand, it could be Italy v. Brazil in the final. We'll know tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

The undisputed stars of the tournament so far have been Daniel Passarella, the sweeper of Argentina; Romeo Benetti, the Italian midfield destroyer; Herbert Prohaska, the midfielder of Austria; Ruud Krol, the captain of Holland and Argentine striker Mario Kempes.

Argentina is richest in individual talent, for the team has other outstanding players in left back Tarantini, goalkeeper Fillol and midfielder Ardiles, not to mention tall striker Luque.

If all this talent counts for anything, then Argentina should win the World Cup.

TV, match programme

Remaining games:

Tomorrow (Thursday): Holland v. Italy, Austria v. West Germany, Peru v. Argentina, Brazil v. Poland.

Sunday: Play-off for third place.

Monday: Final.

Matches on television:

Tomorrow, 2.30am (live): Holland v. Italy; 6pm and 10.10: Argentina v. Brazil (replay).

Sunday, 4am (live): Third place play-off.

Monday, 4am (live): World Cup Final.

ITALY

OR

HOLLAND



ITALY (pre World Cup), back row from left: Gentile, Graziani, Zoff, Bottega, Tardelli, Benetti. Front: Causio, Faccchetti (out injured), Antognoni, Zaccarelli, Mozzini (out of squad). Missing include: Rossi, Scirea, Cuccureddu.



HOLLAND (pre-World Cup), back row from left: W. van der Kerkhof, Schrijvers, Suurbier, Neeskens, Rijdsbergen, Krol; front: Rep, Jansen, Cruyff (not in squad), Ronsenbrink, van Kray. Missing include: Wildschut, Jongbloed, R. van der Kerkhof, Nanninga, Brandts.

ARGENTINA

OR

BRAZIL



ARGENTINA, (pre World Cup), back row from left: JPassarella, Gallego, Olguin, Pernia, Gatti (no longer in squad), Carrascosa (not in squad). Front: Bertoni, Ardiles, Luque, Villa, Larrosa. Missing include: Houseman, Kompos, Fillol, Galvan, Ortiz.



BRAZIL, (pre-World Cup), back row from left: Zo Maria (now out), Leao, Luiz Pereira (out), Edinho, Corozo, Rodriguez Neto, official. Front row: Nocaute (massour), Gil, Paulo Isidoro (out), Roberto, Rivelino, Paulo Cesar (out), official. Missing include: Zico, Amaral, Oscar, Reinaldo, Toninho, Dirceu..

All second round details so far:
GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Holland	1	1	0	7	3	3
Italy	1	1	0	1	0	3
West Germany	0	2	0	2	2	2
Austria	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group A results:

HOLLAND 2 (Haan, R. van der Kerkhof)
WEST GERMANY 2 (Abramczik, D. Mueller).

HOLLAND 5 (Rep 2, Rensenbrink pen., Brandts, W. van der Kerkhof) AUSTRIA 1 (Obermeyer).

ITALY 0 WEST GERMANY 0.
ITALY 1 (Rossi) AUSTRIA 0.

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brazil	1	1	0	3	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	2	0	3
Poland	1	0	1	1	2	2
Peru	0	0	2	0	4	0

Group B results:

BRAZIL 0 ARGENTINA 0.

BRAZIL 3 (Dirceu 2, Zico pen.) PERU 0.

ARGENTINA 2 (Kempes 2) POLAND 0.

POLAND 1 (Szarmach) PERU 0.



Andrzej Szarmach

MENDOZA — Poland kept alive their faint hopes of qualifying for the World Cup final when they beat Peru 1-0 with a brilliant second half goal by Andrzej Szarmach.

Surprisingly, it was the first goal of the tournament for the man who was equal second highest scorer in the 1974 finals with five goals, helping Poland to third place.

Szarmach struck in the 64th minute with a flying header which

left goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga helpless and ended Peru's hopes of reaching the final.

After snuffing out Peru's early attacks, Poland dominated play with midfielders Kazimierz Deyna and Zbigniew Boniek moving up powerfully to support the three strikers.

The narrow margin of Poland's victory makes it unlikely however that they can overtake B favourites Brazil and Argentina.

Van der Kerkhof levels in 83rd. minute

BUENOS AIRES — Holland twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with West Germany and establish themselves as favorites to reach the World Cup final from their group.

But Dutch joy at snatching a precious point was cut short when forward Dick Nanninga was sent off two minutes from the end.

Nanninga, who had been on the pitch only 10 minutes after substituting for Piet Wildschut, was expelled by Uruguayan referee Roman Barreto for arguing.

Nanninga left the field shaking his head in disbelief to the jeers and whistles of a crowd which was equally bewildered by the referee's decision.

The referee had originally pointed the red card at Rob Rensenbrink, and while the Dutch players surrounded him to protest, Rene van de Kerkhof went over to the team bench to try to get some guidance there, and to explain.

Van de Kerkhof returned and Nanninga went off, but although the game had been held up for about three minutes, the referee added scarcely more than a minute to normal time before he whistled the game to an end.

Nanninga, questioned later about his expulsion, said: "I pointed out to the referee that Hoozenbein had poked me on the nose. He simply produced his yellow card to warn me. I laughed at the absurdity of it and he then produced a red card."

The expulsion will automatically rule Nanninga out of Holland's game against Italy tomorrow (Thursday) but the Dutch have so far been notably successful at bringing in replacements without weakening the team.

The re-run of the 1974 final when West Germany won 2-1 looked likely to have the same ending when Dieter Mueller netted

in the 69th minute to put the Germans 2-1 up.

But Holland, fighting ferociously, equalised through Rene van de Kerkhof in the 83rd minute.

Rude Abramczik had put West Germany ahead in the second minute and Arle Haan hit the first Dutch equaliser in the 27th minute.

The two Dutch goals were the first conceded by the Germans in the tournament. Goalkeeper Sepp Maier had kept his goal intact during the previous four matches.

Holland now head group "A" from Italy, both teams having three points. West Germany are third with two points.

But Holland, with seven goals to their credit, have a clear advantage in goal difference which could eventually decide the outcome in this group.

A draw with Italy will probably be enough to put Holland in the final unless West Germany can beat Austria by a wide margin.

The winning goal was scored by Willy van de Kerkhof, who had been booked in the seventh minute after two fouls on West German Rudi Abramczik in quick succession.

Van de Kerkhof redeemed himself to the delight of Dutch fans in the wind-swept Cordoba stadium when he tucked away a shot into the far corner of the net which despairing West German Bernd Hoozenbein could only help on its way into the net with a flailing fist as he careered back in a vain attempt to make good a lapse by Sepp Maier.

Maier was booked for protesting against the goal, and West Germany's hopes of a decisive win to

get them through their second round group look a puncturing.

Three minutes later the Dutch came close to winning it when a free kick from Arle Haan struck a post but the referee made him retake it because he was not ready.

The second time Haan's shot cannonned harmlessly in to the defensive wall.

West Germany could not have hoped for a better start to the game after going ahead in the second minute through Abramczik. Dieter Mueller had been brought down by Dutch captain Ruud Krol just outside the box.

Rainer Bonhof thrashed in a hard low free kick which bounced off the legs of Dutch goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers only to fall in the path of the oncoming Abramczik who banged it home for his first goal in international soccer.

It reversed the pattern of the 1974 final when it was the Dutch who took the lead within minutes of the kick off, Johan Neeskens putting them ahead with an early penalty.

The Dutch hit back after this early setback but their long-range efforts looked more speculative than dangerous until the 26th minute when Arle Haan hit a drive from full 25 metres to beat goalkeeper Maier, who was rooted to the ground.

The ball shaved Maier's right hand post and the goal was the first West German goal had conceded in their five matches here so far. Bonhof was always full of menace in the early stages of the

second half but just when the West Germans seemed to have lost their grip on the game they came back with an unexpected goal.

Bernd Hoozenbein took a quick free kick before the Dutch had time to gather themselves. The ball went to Erich Beer, who caused the Dutch a lot of problems, and Beer worked a high cross from the left flank which Dieter Mueller steered past goalkeeper Schrijvers' despairing dive to the right.

Three minutes later Johnny Rep scored in a searing shot which scorched the crossbar, but the Germans came back and it looked as though they would hold out until the Dutch made a shrewd substitution which paved the way for their equaliser.

Manager Ernst Happel took off Piet Wildschut who had had a good game in the back four and brought on Dick Nanninga as an extra attacker 12 minutes from the end. Within two minutes he had unleashed a shot, forcing a brilliant save by goalkeeper Maier.

The West Germans played with four of the side which beat the Dutch in 1974 — Maier, Bert Vogel, Rainer Bonhof and Hoozenbein — while Holland had five of their old line-up — Krol, Haan, Rensenbrink, Rep and Wim Jansen.

But although Krol was outstanding in defence for the Dutch, and Bonhof was always full of

ideas in midfield for the Germans, neither side possessed a commanding figure like Johan Cruyff or Franz Beckenbauer, who stamped their personalities on the 1974 tournament.

In the first half West Germany played well in midfield with Bonhof, Beer and Hoozenbein, so that the injured Heinz Flohe and Herbert Zimmermann were scarcely missed.

Flohe, who has left for home, pulled a hamstring in Germany's goalless draw against Italy in the opening match of the second round. Zimmermann had an ankle injury.

The West Germans also had to do without Klaus Fischer who twisted the top of his spine in training.

Neither side turned in a display of World Cup winning potential and both defences lacked composure under pressure.

The Dutch had injury problems like the West Germans, and sorely missed the midfield vision and power of Neeskens.

Afterwards Haan said he did not believe the West Germans were as good as they were four years ago and added that he was astonished at the number of times they lost possession.

Dutch manager Ernst Happel hinted he might make a team change for the match against Italy, though it was not clear whether any of his main stars would be back in action.

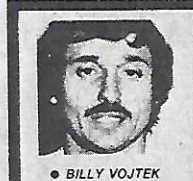
West German manager Helmut Schuster said: "It was a dramatic match and one of the best in the tournament so far. I think it was a fair result."

Half-time score was one-one. Scorers: West Germany, Rudi Abramczik (two minutes), Dieter Mueller (69). Holland: Arle Haan (27), Rene van de Kerkhof (83).

Cautioned: Willy van de Kerkhof (Holland), Sepp Maier (West Germany) sent off: Dick Nanninga (Holland), two minutes from full time.

Teams: HOLLAND: Schrijvers, Poortvliet, Krol, Jansen, Wildschut (Argentina 78 mins), Haan, Rene van de Kerkhof, Willy van de Kerkhof, Rensenbrink, Rep, Brands.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogel, Rasmann, Kaltz, Bonhof, Abramczik, Rummenigge, Dieter Mueller, Beer, Hoozenbein. Referee: Ramon Barreto (Uruguay).



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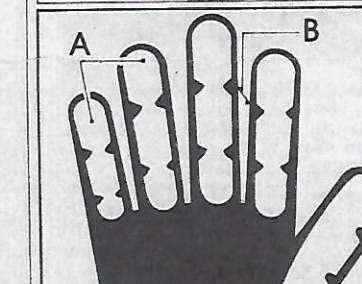
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Brazil comes alive in tough draw

ROSARIO — Brazil and Argentina battled to a goalless draw in a match of frightening ferocity in which scything tackles easily outnumbered skilful moves.

Brazil, three times world champions and once regarded as the team which put skill first, were the main culprits as players were hacked down from start to finish.

Hungarian referee Karoly Palotai booked three Brazilians — Chicão, Edinho and Zico as well as Ricardo Villa of Argentina.

It was surprising no-one was sent off.

The result left the Group "B" qualifier for the final on June 25 to be decided by tomorrow's (Thursday) matches in which Argentina play Peru and Brazil meet Poland.

Although Brazil head the group on superior goal difference, Argentina look to have an easier task.

Before the match, Argentina with its brilliant attack reinforced by the return of Leopoldo Luque, had been expected to overwhelm their neighbours, who have been struggling to find top form throughout these finals.

Luque took over from the out-of-form Rene Houseman after an apparent bluff over the past few days in which team officials said they felt he might not be ready.

The only other Argentine change for the match was the replacement of Daniel Valencia by Oscar Ortiz in midfield.

Brazilian striker Roberto reaved his place in preference to Reinaldo, with Chicão coming into the attack to take over from Corezo who had muscle trouble.

Argentina had the backing of one of football's most fanatically partisan crowds which had been expected to put the Brazilians even more out of their stride.

Instead, Brazil played better than at any time in the tournament, with long crossfield passes and brilliantly rapid combinations which had the Argentine defence in panic for the first 15 minutes.

But slowly, under the influence of the confident Daniel Passarella, they found their rhythm and soon the Brazilians were resorting to rough and often dangerous tackles.

The tension of the match exploded in the very first minutes as both sides were guilty of ankle-tapping and the Brazilians floored Daniel Bertoni and then Luque.

After four minutes Brazil got their first scoring chance from a free kick 25 metres out but Roberto fired the shot straight at Filol.

The Brazilians continued to use any method available to stop their opponents, and Mario Kempes, Oscar Ortiz, Daniel Bertoni and Osvaldo Ardiles were all brought down in swift succession as they made tracks for goal.

But the Argentines were finding their rhythm and after 12 minutes Kempes tested Leao with a superb first-time shot from 35 metres.

Four minutes later the Brazilians produced their most dangerous move so far as Mendonça floated across to Direceu who headed on for Roberto, who was just beaten to the ball by Filol.

At the other end Kempes tested Leao again with a powerful drive before Gil and Filol scrambling to get down to a low shot after a defensive error.

Two minutes later Zico became the fourth player to be booked, this time for kicking.

Cautioned: Chicão, Edinho and Zico (Brazil), Villa (Argentina).

Teams: ARGENTINA: Filol, Galvan, Gallego, Oguin, Tarantini, Passarella, Ardiles (Villa at halftime), Bertoni, Ortiz (Alonso 60 mins), Luque, Kempes.

BRAZIL: Leao, Toninho, Ortiz, Amaral, Direceu, Rodrigues Neto, Baltista, Gil, Jorge Mendonça (Zico 67), Roberto, Chicão.

Referee: Karoly Palotai (Hungary).

long ball to open up the game and move the action from one end of the pitch to the other in a matter of seconds.

Halfway through the first period, Argentina were beginning to get on top with Kempes, Luque and Bertoni a constant danger anywhere near the Brazilian penalty area.

Thirty-four minutes into the game Edinho came on for Rodrigues Neto who injured his right knee when he fell awkwardly after challenging Bertoni for a high ball.

Two minutes later the Brazilian defence was again in trouble with a high ball and Bertoni seized the chance to race away down the right wing and put in a pinpoint low cross to Oscar Ortiz, who left-footed his shot inches wide.

Five minutes from half-time, the match almost broke into an open fight when Gil elbowed Kempes in the face and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of angry Argentine players including goalkeeper Filol.

The referee got between the players three minutes later he brought out the yellow card for the first time for Kempes who was guilty of a particularly vicious tackle on Kempes.

Ardiles meanwhile was writing on the ground after slipping on the grassy turf.

Team manager Cesar Menotti was just preparing to replace him by Ricardo Villa when the whistle went for half time.

At the start of the second half, Villa came on for the injured Ardiles in the Argentine side.

Villa was on the pitch only two minutes before he was also shown the yellow card by the referee when he tackled over the ball against Filol.

Roberto then failed to capitalise on Brazil's best chance to date when he was put clear by Direceu but blasted his shot straight at the goalkeeper.

After 60 minutes Alonso came on in the Argentine side for Oscar Ortiz.

After 66 minutes the referee brought out the yellow card again when Edinho kicked the ball deliberately into the crowd.

A minute later Edinho got tangled up with a compatriot in defence and almost let Luque through.

After 67 minutes Zico came on in the Brazilian side for Jorge Mendonça.

Roberto had another superb chance to open the scoring for Brazil after 71 minutes when Zico and Baltista combined brilliantly in the middle to put him away close to goal.

But once again Filol was able to block the shot.

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AD BY FOR TOTAL HYSTERIA

BUENOS AIRES — Heaven help us if Argentina wins the World Cup!

The wild excitement caused by the host nation's successes so far suggest that victory by Argentina in the final at the River Plate stadium on June 26 would send this South American country into a total frenzy of hysteria.

Of course, Argentina has yet to qualify for the final.

However, the Argentinian soccer fans are fairly happy at the moment. A victory by their country brings on jubilant celebrations that often go on until the early hours of the morning. It's impossible to describe the excitement of the people!

Drivers go around endlessly tooting their car horns and the streets are filled with flag-waving men. The chant "Argentina, Argentina, Argentina" is incessant, with women and children joining the menfolk in the celebrations.

For the finals have been fairly trouble-free. The whole event has run like clockwork, from the spectacular opening ceremony, which included 1700 young gymnasts forming the symbol of the finals, to the complex traffic control around the venues.

On top of the perfect organisation, the Argentinian people have added their charm and warmth, making the scene very pleasant for the visitors.

The press box at the giant River Plate stadium, which runs

By ZIKA NIKOLIC, 'Soccer Action's' man at the World Cup finals.

almost the length of the pitch, has a friendly atmosphere, despite the many different nationalities present.

The police guards salute the journalists, who in turn cooperate with the guards at all times.

Last week the president of Argentina, along with other government ministers, made an appearance during one of the games. All of the official party were in civilian dress — there was nothing military.

The finals are being used by the government to restore Argentina's image in the eyes of the world. After a decade of political coupe and terrorist violence, the Argentinians are trying to show that the country can be peaceful and happy.

Scotland, which has left the Argentina after being eliminated, has been by far the most controversial and outspoken team in the finals. Even before the team's shock 1-3 defeat by Peru, the Scots were in the news.

Three players, who were making their way back to the team camp after a night on the town, found they were locked out. They tried to scale the high wire fence surrounding the camp but ran into trouble when guards spotted them. The situation was sorted out, but brought an outburst from team manager Ally McLeod.

"We are not here to win friends," growled McLeod. "We are

here to win the World Cup." The Scots did neither.

Later McLeod said his team's poor showing wasn't because of the players' drinking habits or having late nights, as had been mentioned in the press.

However, in spite of what McLeod said, members of the Scottish party were frequently seen late at night in Alta Gracia, the famous nightclub and restaurant district.

Even though Australia didn't qualify for the finals, several people seem to think the Socceroos DID get to Argentina. The trouble started after AUSTRIA was confused with Australia. George Ericson, the Swedish coach, was only one of many who mistook the Socceroos for the men from Europe.

"I think Australia and Sweden are the ones most likely to qualify from group one," said Ericson. He meant Austria, which did qualify for the second round, but his team finished third and was eliminated.

Pele, who is covering the finals for Venezuelan television said the 1978 championships marked the end of an era, and the beginning of a totally different one. He named Argentina and Brazil as the sources for exciting, new players, singling out Kempes, Valencia (both Argentinians), Ballata and Zico (Brazil).

One of the most controversial incidents in the finals so far occurred in the Brazil v Sweden Group One match. Welsh referee

Clive Thomas disallowed a Brazilian goal, which had been scored seconds after the final whistle.

Sweden's goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom told reporters that Thomas had told him he would blow his whistle to end the game as soon as the corner kick was taken. That's why Hellstrom made no attempt to stop Nelin's (Brazil) header from the corner kick. The Brazilians have protested to F.I.F.A.

Hungarian coach Lajos Barot was another person with a bone to pick with a referee. He claims referee Gerardo De Silva (Portugal) favored Argentina in the Hungary/Argentina game, which ended with two Hungarians being sent off and the host nation winning 2-1. Barot says the ref would've awarded a penalty to the Argentinians if they hadn't scored the winner of their own accord.

Rob Rensenbrink of Holland thinks his role as Johan Cruyff's successor is just words. However, the next game he played after saying that he scored a hat-trick Dutch coach Ernst Happel says his players would have to shake off their Cruyff complex if they are to win the cup.

"Our chances of winning were hurt when Cruyff decided not to play in the finals," said Happel.

"He has been one of our most important players and was to us what Pele was to the Brazilians."

World Cup failure by his country was too much for one Mexican to bear. He committed suicide.

Letted off, tions use form

BUENOS AIRES. Italy beat Austria 1-0 but the Italians showed they have suffered an enormous drop in form which could be fatal at this stage in the competition.

The Italians came out needing a good score against Austria to guard against a situation in which second round Group A could be decided by goal difference.

Austria, beaten 5-1 last week by Holland, should theoretically have been easy victims.

But all Italy's old magic, which made them one of the most exciting teams in earlier matches, had vanished.

Their winning goal came after only 13 minutes from centre forward Paolo Rossi, one of the few players to occasionally show his normal form.

But for most of the rest of the match the Italians looked a struggling team and the plucky Austrians were very unlikely not to equalise, or even win.

Nothing was more symptomatic of the Italian decline than the substitution of super striker Roberto Bettiga in the 71st minute.

Normally an inspiration for the whole team and a player who can make even the toughest defence tremble, he played badly throughout, frequently wasting passes.

In contrast, the Austrians played one of their best games in the competition with great mobility in attack.

They will be bitterly disappointed that the defeat means the end of their World Cup expedition, until now so surprisingly successful.

The Italians almost miraculously found a vein of top form as the World Cup began, but the question now must be whether they lost it again just as suddenly.

Their 0-0 draw with West Germany last week may have fatally destroyed their momentum, built up with three decisive first round victories.

They must now try to overcome the enormous psychological effect of this draw performance and attempt to hit a new wave of form for their most testing match against Holland tomorrow (Thursday).

Only the Italian defence looked reasonably solid.

The midfield constantly made mistakes and the attack lacked the brilliant inventiveness which had earlier enabled it to penetrate strong defences.

The Italians started as they had promised, going straight into attack.

In the 13th minute Rossi exchanged passes with winger Franco Causio and took advantage of Austrian defender Heinrich Strasser's failing to intercept the ball properly to shoot past goalkeeper Friedrich Konig.

But it was the Austrians and not the Italians who seemed inspired by this goal. Eduard Kreiger stuck to Rossi and although he showed more brilliance in the first half, he was subdued in the second, perhaps infected by his teammates' mediocrity.

The Austrians increasingly seized control of the game and centre forward Hans Krankl and



Austria's stars Hans Krankl (left) and Herbert Prohaska, one of the finest midfielders in the tournament.

winger Walter Schachner constantly put the Italian defence under pressure.

In contrast to the Italian midfield, Herbert Prohaska was in commanding form for the Austrians.

After the interval the Italians tried to raise their game and for a short time seemed to find some rhythm but they then fell back into mediocrity, and the Austrians again began to dominate.

In the 59th minute Austria came closest to equalising when Eduard Kreiger's 35-metre drive whistled over the bar.

By midway through the half the 50,000 crowd, many of whom had come here with Italian flags, were whistling the uninspired effort of Italy and shouted for "Austria, Austria."

In the last 15 minutes the Italians tried desperately to find their old form.

In the 80th minute Antonello Cucurellu beat a defender 15 metres from goal but shot over the bar and three minutes later Bettiga's replacement Francesco Graziani broke clear in front of goal but put a weak shot wide.

Before the match Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said the competition would be decided by the physical condition of the players. On this form it looks as if the Italians may have been exhausted by their gruelling first round group, the toughest in the World Cup.

Austrian manager Helmut Senkowitz said afterwards that he thought his team had deserved at least a draw.

Despite the closeness of the result, Senkowitz said he thought the Italians were stronger than the Dutch, who beat Austria 5-1 last week.

Asked about Austria's attitude to

tomorrow's (Thursday) game against West Germany, he said: "We will play all out in our next game because we have to play seriously."

He was critical of Belgian referee Francis Rion, saying the Italians committed fouls in the first half when two penalties should have been given.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said he was not interested in the results of other games, "Italy will play its next matches in the same way with the same desire to win," he said.

He said the match was "psychologically difficult. The Austrians had nothing to lose, they played very well and in the end they nearly scored four goals."

Asked about the refereeing, he said it had never been his habit to criticise referees and he would not do so now.

Italy led 1-0 at halftime.

Scorer: ITALY: Paolo Rossi (13 minutes).

Teams: ITALY: Zoff, Bellugi (Cucurellu at halftime), Cabrin, Gentile, Scirea, Benetti, Tardelli, Zaccarelli, Causio, Bettiga (Graziani 71), Rossi.

AUSTRIA: Konig, Sara, Obermayer, Pazzy, Hickerberger, Prohaska, Krankl, Kruz, Grieger, Schachner (Pirkner 63 mins), Strasser.

Referee: Francis Rion (Belgium).

Referee: Dusan Maksimovic (Yugoslavia).

German captain Berti Vogts holds the shirt of Italy's Gaetano Scirea to get him off the ball in their scoreless draw.

Luck favors reshuffled Germans

BUENOS AIRES — World champions West Germany were lucky to snatch a scoreless draw with Italy after Italian strikers Bettiga and Rossi had had some unbelievable misses.

Germany used a reshuffled line-up, featuring Zimmermann and Hoenen alongside Flohe and Bonhof, a four-man midfield.

Dropped from the previous game were Hans Mueller and Dieter Mueller.

West Germany were overrun for long periods of their crucial meeting with Italy at the River Plate stadium, but somehow kept their goal intact for the fourth successive match. It was the West Germans' third goalless draw.

Italy, with three wins behind them, pounded the German defence but could not find a way past the brilliant Sepp Maier, who gave a flawless display of goalkeeping.

It was a predictable clash of chessboard tactics, but the German play to smother the Italian forwards by packing their midfield was not successful.

Largely unworried by the occasional German breakaways, Italy applied more and more pressure on the German defence which survived a harrowing 30 minutes at the start of the second half.

But luck is an important element of World Cup success and West Germany showed that they are unusually well blessed in this area.

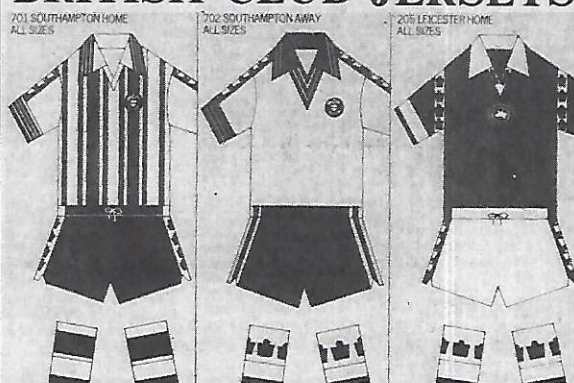
Teams:

ITALY: Zoff, Bellugi, Cabrin, Gentile, Scirea, Antognoni, (Zaccarelli at halftime), Benetti, Tardelli, Causio, Bettiga, Rossi.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Dietz, Ruesch, Kitz, Bonhof, Zimmermann (Konopa 53 mins), Fischer, Flohe (Ber 69), Rummenigge, Hoenen.

Referee: Dusan Maksimovic (Yugoslavia).

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Roberto Bettiga (Italy). Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (West Germany).
Heinz Flohe (West Germany). Hans Krankl (Austria). Zbigniew Boniek (Poland). Mario Kempes (Argentina). Dirceu (Brazil). Dieter Mueller (West Germany).
1 Arturo Vazquez (Mexico).
1 Kaabi (Tunisia). Melib Gommidh (Tunisia). Militer Dhoibui (Tunisia). Daniel Bertoni (Argentina). Karoly Caspo (Hungary).
Bernard Lacombe (France). Renato Zaccarelli (Italy). Joe Jordan (Scotland). Andrzej Eskandarian (Iran. own goal).

Argentina F.A. president Alfredo Cantillo has told the press that each member of the squad and training staff (total of 25) would get 24,000 US.

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REP GETS TWO AS DUTCH CUT LOOSE

BUENOS AIRES — Holland started the second round by blazing to a 5-1 victory over Austria while their Group A rivals West Germany and Italy were locked in a desperate goalless draw.

After listless displays in first round competition, Holland, runners-up in 1974 to West Germany, were forced to make three changes because of injuries, but their reshaped side swamped the plucky Austrians.

Holland's injured absentees were **Johan Neeskens**, **Wim Rijsebos** and **Wim Suurbier**. Goalkeeper **Jan**

Jongloen was dropped, meaning that Holland were without four of the team which came within a whisker of winning the World Cup four years ago.

Austria, who were the surprise team of the first round when they opened with two victories, now have an impossible task to reach the final on June 25.

Newcomer **Ernie**

Brandts of PSV Eindhoven, headed Holland ahead after six minutes and two goals in a minute delivered a knockout blow to Austrian hopes. **Rob Rosenbrink** put Holland further ahead with a 35th minute penalty — his fourth spot kick goal of the tournament — and **Johnny Rep** made it 3-0.

Rep and **Willy van der Kerkhof** scored Holland's second half goals while Austria's only successful marksman was **Erich Obermayer**.

Holland led 3-0 at half-time.

Scores — Holland: **Ernie Brandts** (six minutes), **Rob Rosenbrink** (35, penalty), **Johnny Rep** (36 and 53), **Willy van der Kerkhof** (82).

Austria: **Erich Obermayer** (80).

Teams:

AUSTRIA: Koncilia, Sara, Obermayer, Breitenberger, Pezey, Hickersberger, Phohaska, Krankl, Kreuz, Jara, Krieger.

HOLLAND: Schrijvers, Poortvliet, Krol, Janse, Wildschut, Haan, Rene van de Kerkhof (Schoenaker 60 min), Willy van de Kerkhof, Rosenbrink, Rep, Brandts (van Kraay 67).

Referee: **John Gordon** (Scotland).



A TOUCH OF THAT OLD MAGIC

MENDOZA — Brazil showed a touch of class for the first time in six hours of World Cup football when they punched out a 3-0 win over Peru in the second round.

The glimpses were rare and they were flattered by a generally shot-shy Peruvian side which looked a far cry from the team that turned on such a fluent display against Scotland at the start of the tournament.

But Brazil took considerable comfort from the fact that they at last started to put their game together and may not be the second round pushovers many had expected after their dismal displays in the first round.

There was a touch of the old magic that made Brazil three times world champions when **Dirceu** sent a free-kick powering into the top corner of the net from 30 metres in the 14th minute.

And it was **Dirceu** again in the 27th minute who beat Peruvian goalkeeper **Ramon Quiroga** from the same range for a second goal that seemed to knock the stuffing out of the inconsistent Peruvians.

Zico, previously dropped from the first team on the orders of the Brazilian football authorities, was brought back to duty as a second half substitute and answered the call after 71 minutes when he completed the scoring from the penalty spot after **Roberto** had been fouled.

Cautioned: **Jose Velequez** (Peru), **Roberto** (Brazil).

Teams: **BRAZIL:** Leao, Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Rodrigues Neto, Cerezo (Chicago 76 mins) **Dirceu**, Tatisla, Gil (Zico 70) **Jorge Mendonca**, **Roberto**.

PERU: Quiroga, Duarte, Manzo, Chumplitaz, Diaz (Navarro 11 mins), Valasquez, Munante, Cueto, Cubillas, Oblitas (Percy Rojas at halftime), **La Rosa**.

Referee: **Niclae Rainea** (Romania).

Scorers — Brazil: **Dirceu** (14 and 27 minutes) **Zico** (71 penalty).

Complaint rejected

BUENOS AIRES — The World Cup organising committee rejected a complaint by Brazil about the refereeing of Welshman **Clive Thomas** in the match against Sweden on June 3.

Rene Courte, press spokesman for the International Football Federation (FIFA), told a press conference here that Brazil had complained that **Thomas**' refereeing of the Group Three match had been partisan.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw after **Thomas** disallowed a Brazilian goal at the end of the match because he had already blown for full time.

'Nothing to say': Macleod

GLASGOW, — The Scottish World Cup squad, who were given an emotional send-off to Argentina by 20,000 fans, arrived back — beaten and dejected — at Glasgow Airport to be greeted by just 40.

The well-wishers were heavily outnumbered by press and camera crews and half the crowd of 40 was made up of children from a country primary school making a day trip to the city.

As the players stepped off the flight from London, they were hurried into an airport bus and driven away. Manager **Ally Macleod** did not give a press conference and as he collected his baggage he said "I have nothing to say at all."

Macleod was given the insulting V-sign by several supporters as he sat waiting for the bus to leave.

Before the finals, Macleod predicted that Scotland would win the World Cup. Instead they lost to Peru and drew with Iran and were eliminated before the second round.

Among the mostly silent and sad-eyed group of people who waited were two teenage girls who had taken the day off school to see the players return. Fifteen-year-old **Jennifer Crampsey** said: "Our teachers know we are here. They just laughed and said we were daft."

One man wandered among the small crowd selling team posters. The price was less than a quarter of what they cost before the World Cup.

Johnston gets a year

BUENOS AIRES, — The International Football Federation (FIFA) has banned Scottish player **Willie Johnston** for a year for taking drugs before the World Cup match with Peru on June 3.

FIFA press officer **Rene Courte** said it had been decided to take the same disciplinary action as in the only other World Cup doping case, that of Haitian player **Ernest Jean-Joseph** who was similarly banned after taking drugs before a match against Italy in the 1974 finals.

Johnston, 31-year-old winger who plays for English First Division club **West Bromwich Albion**, admitted taking two stimulating tablets before the match against Peru, which Scotland lost 3-1.

The Scottish football Association said **Johnston** would never again play for Scotland and he was sent home in disgrace.

Johnny Rep — scored two goals against Austria.

Severe offside penalty

BUENOS AIRES — Peruvian barman **Alejandro Pomajambo**, working in the bar at the Buenos Aires World Cup press centre, created a new cocktail called "off-side" to celebrate Peru's qualification for the last eight of the competition. Journalists trying his mixture of rum, whisky, granadine, orange juice and lemon, served over ice in a football-shaped glass have found the penalty more severe than is usual for offside — some have even been carried off.

Press moves to Rosario

ROSARIO — World Cup organisers had to increase facilities for journalists at the Rosario Stadium to cope with a sharp rise in pressmen here to cover Argentina's second round matches.

Argentina was expected to win Group One in the first round and continue playing at the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires. But they forfeited their right when they lost 0-1 to Italy.

A spokesman for the organisers said seating for journalists had been increased from 790 to 1300.

Dutch being used for propaganda

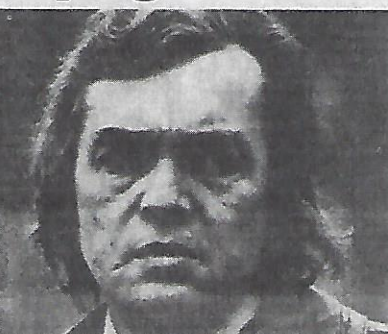
CORDOBA — Players and officials of Holland's World Cup team have received letters from Montoneros guerrillas, a Dutch team spokesman said here.

The spokesman said the Dutch delegation accepted that the letters received by team manager **Ernst Happel** and a number of players had come from the Peronist left-wing group but he did not explain how their origin had been established.

He said: "The letters were in Spanish and we haven't even bothered to get them translated. I understand they set out a point of view but we are not interested."

It was understood the letters attacked the Argentine military government and what were described as repressive conditions in Argentina.

Previously Dutch World Cup captain **Ruud Krol** described as "pure invention" a letter bearing his name and published in an Argentine sports magazine which said:



Dutch coach Ernst Happel

beauty ... Argentina is the land of love."

A daily newspaper, the "Buenos Aires Herald", reported Dutch Football Federation president **Willem**

Argentina because of reports of conditions here but now "realised his error."

The government and some sections of the press have launched a campaign to show that conditions here are being

Kempes stars but Menotti unhappy

ROSARIO, — Argentine manager **Cesar Menotti** said after the 2-0 win over Poland that his team would have to improve if it was going to win the World Cup.

"I am not satisfied with the performance, but I am with the result," he said. **Menotti** said Argentina had played well up front and that the team would play better in its coming matches.

Polish team chief **Jack Gmoch** said the crowd had played a great part in Argentina's victory.

"The effect of the crowd was very important, particularly on our goalkeeper. The fans in Europe are not so close to the goalkeeper as they are in a small stadium like this, and it disturbed his concentration."

Gmoch said the paper thrown onto the field also had a bad effect on his side's concentration.

"I believe that Poland played better than they did in the first round," he said. "Before I said I was pleased with the results but not with the way we played. Tonight it was the other way around. I don't think this is the last word from the Polish team. I believe the team will pull itself up in the other games."

The hero of all Argentina was, rightly, **Mario Kempes**, the 23-year-old striker who scored two brilliant goals destroyed Poland.

One Argentine newspaper printed a cartoon showing a giant-sized **Kempes** standing over a huge cannon ready to light a fuse as Polish players are helplessly jammed in the barrel, waiting to be shot into space.

Kempes, who plays for Valencia in the Spanish league and was brought home to play in the World Cup, played the best single game seen from any forward in the championships.

Apart from his two goals, **Kempes** played with the power and skill seldom seen from forwards in this tournament.

If his striking partner **Leopoldo Luque** had been fit to play, Argentina may have scored more goals.



Mario Kempes, hero of Argentina's win against Poland, stands over injured goalkeeper **Jean-Paul Bertrand-Demari** in an earlier game against France.

Luque dislocated an elbow in the first round match against France.

Kempes rose majestically to head in **Daniel Berton's** cross in the 15th minute and scored his second with a fierce ground shot in the 71st minute after **Oswaldo Ardiles** had rattled the Polish defence with a fine solo run.

Incidentally, Poland's defence was minus **Jerzy Gorgon**.

Poland should have equalised six minutes before the interval when defender **Alberto Tarantini** punched the ball off the line with goalkeeper **Ubaldo Fillol** beaten.

But Polish skipper **Kazimierz Deyna**, playing his 100th international, shot weakly and **Fillol** saved the

penalty easily. Argentina led 1-0 at half-time.

Scorers: Argentina: **Mario Kempes** (15 and 71 minutes). Cautioned: **Henryk Maculiewicz** (Poland) and **Américo Gallego** (Argentina).

Teams: **ARGENTINA:** Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Galligo, Valencia (Villa at halftime), Berton, Kempes, Houseman (Ortiz 83).

POLAND: Tomaszewski, Maculiewicz, Zmuda, Kasperczak, Szymanski, Nawalka, Mastzaler (Mazur 65) Deyna, Boniek, Szarmach, Lato.

Referee: **Ulf Eriksson** (Sweden).



Poland's **Kaz Deyna** (left) who missed a penalty, and goalkeeper **Jan Tomaszewski** who was upset by the crowd.

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FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Rujovic, Nicolaidis) v
MARCONI 1 (Rooney) at Marconi Oval, Sydney.
Crowd 3000.

Ratings by Alex Vesic.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8, Hazabent 7, Kriaris 7, Kon-
darios 8, Kazi 8, Iliok 7, Picolano 7, Rujovic 8, Lujic
8, Vesic 7, Nicolaidis — 69th, Ristovski 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Byrne 5, Russell 6, Prskalo
8, Degney 7, Richards 7, Vieri 6, Rooney 8, Jankovic
6 (Williams 5 — 37th), Mariani 7, Sharne 8.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Tansey) HAKOAH-
EASTS 1 (E. Campbell) at Olympic Park, crowd
about 3500.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8, McMillan 8, Provan 7,
O'Reilly 7, Tansey 8; Taylor 8, Bannon 6, Campbell
7, Boziskas 6, Cole 6, Buljevic 7.

HAKOAH: Pezzano 8; Mullen 9, Thomson 9,
Trenter 7, Mowbray 7; Stevenson 5, Smith 7,
Souness 9; Watson 7, Campbell 6, Silva 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Summerscales) v
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings) at
International Sports Field, Newcastle. Crowd 7357.

Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Willis 8, Curran 7, Sum-
merscales 9, Drinkwater 7, Mason 6, Amey 7,
Johnston 7, Galpin 7, Mountford 8, Boden 8.

HELLAS: Hansen 6, Pys 8, Hagegmanouli 7, Bax-
ter 7, Kalafatis 8, Lutton 8, Wright 7, Rogers 7,
Christopolous 7, Cummings 6, Campbell 8.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 4 (McGachey 2,
Boyle, McGregor) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Pirie 2) at
Erskineville Oval, Crowd: 1860.

Player Ratings by John Taylor:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Reynolds 7, Kampas
7, Jones 7, Tymczyszyn 7, Bozanic 8, McGachey 9,
Boyle 8, Honeyman 8, Norris 7, (Koulianos 77th),
McGregor 8.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Karakostas 6, Constantinou
5 (Stravopodis 5-45th), McIntosh 6, Wilson 6,
Markland 7, Cross 6, Jamieson 6, Laing 7, Ainslie 7,
Devourilis 8, Pirie 8.

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Nyskohus own goal, Lavelle) at
Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide. Crowd 5,000.

Ratings by Memo Toutsidra:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, B. Nyskohus 7,
Yung 6, Besir 7, Lister 6, Perin 7, Marocchi 8, Deans
8, Muir 6, J. Nyskohus 8, Northcote 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Barlow 7, Rathmell 6, Kibbey 6,
Johnston 7, Coyne 7, (Gaffney 7), Lavelle 7, Conner
7 (Wallace 6), Pimblett 7, Marley 6, Echeverria 8,
Caldwell 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Hughes, Amos,
Fairbrother) v WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Fisher) at
Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd 2300.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lownds 8, Wilson 6, Hermiston 8, Potter
7, Niven 6, Neale 7, Amos 7, Morris 6 (Ogden 67th),
Ontong 7, Fairbrother 8, Hughes 6.

WESTS: Lachowicz 6, Skellern 8, Turnbull 8,
Rowden 6, Campbell 6, Harding 6, O'Donnell 6,
Drewes 7, Scott 6 (Fisher 72nd), Eaton 6, Samuels
7.

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Grujic) v ST GEORGE 1
(Coates) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd 4500.

Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Tilsead 7, Hogg 7, Grujic 7,
Henderson 8, Brown 8, Marinello 8, Heywood 7,
Parker 7, Stark 8, Byrne 7, Davies 8.

ST GEORGE: Coe 8, Ujjesenovic 7, Grosse 7,
Harris 8, Kay 7, Tonanez 8, Hensman 8, Morgan 8,
Coates 7, Mendez 7, O'Shea (M) 7.

Leading averages —

7.9 Boland (J.U.S.T.)
7.8 Perry (Bris City)
7.6 Vieri (Maroc), Boden (Newc)

7.5 Hermiston (Bris Lions), Sharne (Marc),
Rooney (Marc), B. Nyskohus (Ad Juve), Lutton
(S.M. Hellas), Kampas (W.A. Hellas).

7.4 Richards (Marc), McGachey (W.A. Hellas)
7.3 Lownds (Bris Lions), Henderson (Can), Stark
(Can), Brown (Can), Lujic (J.U.S.T.), Prskalo
(Marc), Summerscales (Newc), Mullen (Hak),
Northcote (Ad Juve), Marshall (Ad Juve), O'Connor
(St. Geo), Boyle (W.A. Hellas).

7.2 Conner (Bris City), Tilsead (Can), Kondarios

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Games

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Fitz Alexander	3	3	2	11	8	2	4	2	11	14	22 22 17
Adel Juventus	4	2	3	14	11	2	2	3	8	12	22 23 16
West Suburbs	3	4	1	14	11	2	1	5	13	19	27 30 15
Brisbane City	4	1	3	10	9	2	1	5	11	16	21 25 14
Footscray JUST	1	2	5	6	11	3	4	1	7	7	13 18 14
Newcastle KB	1	4	3	12	15	2	3	3	10	14	21 30 13
Canberra	0	8	0	11	11	1	2	5	6	14	17 25 12
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St. George	3	0	4	9	10	1	2	5	7	11	16 21 10

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ander, Wentworth Park,
Sunday, 1pm.

Hakoah -East v
Footscray J.U.S.T.,
Wentworth Park, Sunday,
3pm.

St George v Adel.
Juventus, Barton Park,
Sunday, 3pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide Hellas v
Newcastle KB, Hind-
marsh Stadium, Sunday,
2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v. Mar-
coni, Perry Park, Sunday,
3 pm.

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

BOLAND (3)
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MULLEN (4)
(Hak)

SUMMERSCALES (2)
(Newc)

THOMSON (1)
(Hak)

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(Alex)

SOUNESS (2)
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McGACHEY (3)
(WA Hellas)

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Hellas), Vieri (Marc), J. Campbell
(Alex).

6. O'Connor (St G), E. Campbell
(Hak), Boden (Newc), Hughes
(Lions).

5. McGregor (WA-Hellas),
Marocchi (Adel Juve), Watson
(Hak), Silva (Hak), Sharne (Marc),
Marley (Bris C).

4. McGachey (WA-Hellas), J.
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Hakoah v. J.U.S.T. — a football feast

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The clash between Hakoah-Easts and Footscray J.U.S.T. in Sydney on Sunday will bring together two of the finest football teams in Australia.

The respective coaches have great admiration for their opponents. Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi says: "Footscray plays the best style of soccer in the league and it amazes me they are not higher up the ladder. About five of their players I would buy tomorrow."

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic said after watching Hakoah draw 1-1 with Alexander last Sunday: "They pushed the ball around beautifully. Hakoah is an excellent team."

And so the stage is set for a memorable match between two teams whose greatest concern — apart from winning — is to play skilful, attractive soccer.

As Chaldi says: "Hakoah may not have much support, but we have always tried to offer the public the best possible brand of soccer and I think that we have succeeded consistently over the years."

Leading exponents of Hakoah's flair in the match against Alexander were little midfielder Ian Souneas from Chelsea in England, centre back Eddy Thomson and, as usual, Kevin Mullen, who is by far the best right back in Australia.

Why he didn't get a run in one of the Australian teams against Greece is beyond me.

Alexander coach John Margaritis blamed his team's failure on the poor performance of Canberra referee McDermott.

He said McDermott blew his whistle so often — and for so many wrong reasons — that it was impossible to string moves together. Certainly McDermott's display left a lot to be desired, but so did that of Alexander, which showed little of the ability which gave it that memorable 4-1 win over Marconi recently.

Alexander's defence and breakaway tactics didn't work because most balls were intercepted by Hakoah's midfielders and because the Hakoah defenders covered well and dropped back into position very quickly after coming forward.

As Hakoah fought back strongly in the second half, it took two great saves by goalkeeper Peter Blaszby and a header off the line by Arthur McMillan to preserve at least one point for Alexander.

And yet, in the last minute, Branko Buljevic might have scored with a flying header, had it not been deflected past the post.

Alexander never got going in midfield or attack, where Buljevic was the only player capable of creating danger, although this was not one of his best games by any means.

Andrew Bozikas spoiled many good moves by holding the ball too long and Gary Cole flashed into play only a few times.

But Bannan and Ken Taylor were unable to get a grip on Souneas, the destructive talents of Bobby Smith and the tireless foraging of Joe Watson when he went from the wing to midfield in the second half.

The only prominent Alexander midfielder was Jim Campbell, but he was unable to perform his attacking tricks because he was forced by necessity to spend most of his time in defence.

Alexander's one regular avenue of attack was Jim Tansey, overlapping as usual down the left. It was he who scored the goal that put Alexander ahead in the first half.

Jim O'Reilly almost killed Alexander just after kick-off when he "passed" a clearance to the feet of Ernie Campbell. Luckily for Alexander, Campbell shot straight at goalkeeper Peter Blaszby.

Campbell, although he eventually scored the equalising goal, was over-intent on orbiting, seemed almost lackadaisical and he was

slow to chase after losing the ball. Midfielder John Stevenson, who made his debut for Australia only two weeks ago, was right out of the play in midfield and on that performance he may be in danger of losing his place in the Hakoah team. It was an uncharacteristic performance by this excellent midfielder who has always been at his very best in Melbourne.

After that early miss by Campbell, Hakoah did not look dangerous again until the 33rd minute when Watson beat Bob Provan on the ground and crossed the ball menacingly, but it was a little too far ahead of unmarked Campbell.

Then Alexander went into the lead, 10 minutes before half time. The ball came knee-high to Cole in the goal area, but Cole missed it altogether.

Bozikas tried a shot which was blocked, and then Tansey stuck his foot hopefully into the fray and managed to connect just strongly enough to send the ball trickling over the line with Mullen diving in an unsuccessful attempt to get at it.

All the Hakoah defenders had been drawn to the ball, leaving none at the far post. Had someone stayed back to cover, he would have easily cleared the ball before it went in.

A minute from half time Bannan put Buljevic through with a neat pass. Buljevic ran to within eight metres of goal but slammed his shot against Mullen, who had followed him diligently and positioned himself goalside.

Referee McDermott showed the first of five yellow cards when he cautioned Ken Taylor for dissent.

Buljevic broke away again for Alexander but his cross was too high for Cole and then Hilton Silva had an excellent shot turned over the bar by Blaszby at the other end.

In the 52nd minute centre back Eddy Thomson, who was having an outstanding game, moved up for a Silva corner. He rose well to get his shot against Blaszby, who was beaten, but McMillan was there to head off the line.

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Jim Tansey (left) has put the ball across the line for Alexander's goal, and Jim Campbell (centre) shares his joy. Henry Mowbray tries in vain to stop the ball, with goalkeeper Tony Pezzano stranded. In the background is Eddy Thomson. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

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Cole played an excellent through ball to Bozikas who ran to the edge of the penalty area and stopped for some reason, enabling Mullen to dispossess him with a good tackle.

To strengthen the attack, Hakoah coach Chaldi sent tall defender Mark Trentner to centre forward. His height and good position gave Alexander's defenders more to do, and left space for other forwards.

Associated with Trentner's switch were Bobby Smith's, move from midfield to defence and Joe Watson's transfer from the wing to midfield.

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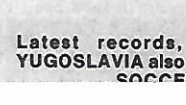
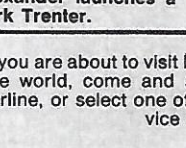
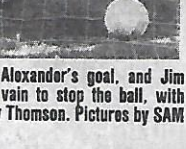
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Jim O'Reilly protests against one of referee McDermott's decisions.



McGACHY INSPIRES VICTORY!

By JOHN TAYLOR

"Now to work more on the skills of the game," said jubilant West Adelaide Hellas coach Jim Adam after his team had chalked up their seventh straight League win against Sydney Olympic.

Hellas mastered an atrocious surface at Erskineville Oval to win 4-2 after conceding a shock early goal.

The bumpy state of Erskineville oval is a disgrace and the PSL should act promptly and forget all about playing League games there in the future.

There are many coaches in the league who say West Adelaide Hellas couldn't possibly win the title.

But as a result of last weekend's series, Hellas are now only two points behind the leaders Marconi (24 points).

Once again it was the work rate, drive and enthusiasm of the Hellas players which saw them finish much too strongly for Olympic.

The work rate of the players has pleased me most, Adam said. "Now we have to become a bit more skilful," he said.

Considering the conditions at Erskineville the football produced by both teams was good.

Hellas took some time to settle into rhythm but once captain Neil McGachy had made his mark they gained full control.

McGachy was the star player of the match. His distribution was excellent and he was the spearhead of the attacks.

He scored two superb goals to lift Hellas after they had been shocked by a BILL PIRIE goal after only five minutes.

McGachy's first goal came in the 23rd minute after Barry Reynolds had made an overlapping run down the right.

His angled drive from 20 metres scored over Olympic goalkeeper Herc Karakostas' head, into the roof of the net.

Only a minute had elapsed before McGachy struck again. This time his low drive from 10 metres was splendidly put away into the right hand corner, giving Karakostas no chance at all.

Hellas were now in command at 2-1.

The Olympic defence, especially in the middle, was shaky and



Olympic 2 W.A. Hellas 4

another Hellas goal was always likely.

But just when Hellas looked set to maintain their lead until half time, Olympic's Greek guest Cen Davourlis enabled his team to draw level.

Davourlis was responsible for Olympic's first goal and his delicate cross resulted in PIRIE scoring his second in the 43rd minute.

Davourlis, playing his last game for Olympic, was one of the few players to worry the Hellas defence.

High balls into the Hellas defence were useless as big defenders Reynolds, David Jones and Cen Kampas won the aerial battles with ease.

But the one occasion Hellas were beaten in the air was when Davourlis delivered this cross which was headed in by Pirie.

Davourlis tried hard to leave Olympic on a high note, but his efforts weren't enough.

Olympic substituted right back Nick Constantinou at half time.

Bill Stravopoulou came into the Olympic midfield and Stuart McGachy moved into the middle of the defence, with Dave McIntosh going to right back.

But the changes had little effect on Olympic's performance in the second half.

Olympic did apply some early second half pressure and did have a couple of chances but when Hellas added their third goal in the 70th minute by Ian McGregor, it took the sting out of Olympic.

Hellas midfielders McGachy, Peter Boyle and Vic Bozanic strung together some nice moves and up front McGachy and Graham Honeyman also put tremendous pressure on the Olympic defence.

Boyle was rewarded for his tireless display by adding the fourth goal three minutes from the end when he ran onto a through ball but it was away.

Hellas are at home this Sunday to Newcastle KB United and coach Adam is expecting another two points.

Fairbrother comes good

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane Lions took a devil of a long time to get on top before coming away to beat Western Suburbs 3-1 at Perry Park in Brisbane.

Wests at the moment are only a shadow of last year's team but despite this Lions had nothing to show for their overall superiority in the first half.

Striker Barrie Fairbrother, apparently at odds with the club during the week after being dropped from the previous match against Marconi, was picked in the side and certainly looks to be on the way back to his best.

Left back Alan Niven had an outstanding match and at least three perfect crosses in the first half found Fairbrother's head, but were steered just wide.

Alan Hughes should have scored for Lions in the 14th minute when he dashed away after a ricochet off Warren Turnbull and successfully rounded Ian Rowden but after entering the box with only Wally Lachowicz to beat, stumbled over the ball.

The first half was one of the worst 45 minutes of football seen in Brisbane this season, with one

RUJEVIC AND NIKOLAIDES SINK MARCONI

By ALEX VESIC

It is not very often that one sees league leaders humbled by a lowly placed team. When it does happen, it is usually because the favourite failed to convert numerous scoring chances, while the "underdog" scored against the run of play to take the points.

At Bosley Park last Saturday Footscray JUST thrilled the crowd of almost 3000 with skill and artistry to down League leaders Marconi, the first club to beat Marconi at Bosley Park this season.

J.U.S.T. dominated the first half and held a larger share of the goal scoring opportunities than Marconi. Had both teams realised the opportunities created in the first half, the result would have been a staggering 4-3 in favour of the Melbourne team.

Joe Picioane in the 14th and 17th, then Jim Kondarios in the 25th and Mendo Ristovski in the 42nd minute had chances to score for the visitors.

Picioane missed from only five metres in the 14th. He failed to pass to an unmarked Dragan Vasic, after a quick counter-attack in the 17th minute that should have added another goal to the tally.

Kondarios missed a sitter in the 25th, shooting past the upright from no more than six metres, then Ristovski missed in the 42nd. Picioane, then Vasic, had their shots cleared by Marconi's defence, but the ball finally landed at the feet of Mendo Ristovski, who had at least five metres of the goal line unprotected, with Maher off the line. His shot was misdirected and another glorious opportunity went begging.

Marconi could easily have had three goals during the first half.

Marconi in the 11th, then Richards in the 21st and Jankovic in the 35th minute could have scored for the home team, making it seven clear-cut chances created.



Injured Mark Jankovic, about to leave the pitch

O'Hara to move

Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Mike O'Hara is looking for a transfer.

He says he would like to join Sydney club Western Suburbs. O'Hara, who transferred to J.U.S.T. early this year from Victorian club Hakoh, wants to get away because he has been unable to displace the team's other goalkeeper, Dennis Boland. O'Hara is a former Victorian State representative. He can be contacted on 787 7384 (home).



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"I played without Ristovski and Picioane last week in Melbourne, so I expected the same would apply to everyone else who had a player in the national team. Still we won, so I am not going to make a fuss of the fact that we had to cope with the full Marconi team. In the end, if it wasn't for the Greek national team, I would have had to play this Marconi side anyway," said Kirkovic.

Byrne was obviously out of position, while Richards ventured too far forward leaving a huge gap, which fortunately for Marconi, JUST exploited a lot but failed to capitalise upon.

With RUJEVIC keeping a tight watch on ROBERTO VIERI, and PICIOANE and ILIOSKI having more to say in midfield than their counterparts, RICHARDS and ROONEY, the visitors looked set to beat Marconi.

However, Marconi asserted superiority at the beginning of the second half and after 27 minutes the first goal was scored. Vieri pushed the ball to closely-marked Rooney on the edge of Footscray's penalty area. Rooney turned quickly, then slotted the ball past Boland with Kondarios in close attendance but unable to help his goalkeeper.

With 18 minutes to go Marconi seemed assured of victory. But only for 60 seconds!

Zoran Ilioski, the most underrated midfielder in Australia, sent a perfect pass to Mendo Ristovski on the edge of Marconi's penalty area. Ristovski ran past Paul Degney, then drew Ivo Prskalo, before sending a perfect cross to unmarked Mirko Rujovic, left with the simplest of tasks. Rujovic made no mistake in slotting the ball into the right hand corner past Maher.

Then a shock!

With three minutes to go, Marconi exposed its defence to those quick Footscray men. Picioane started the move in his own half. Rooney tried desperately to stop him, but failed. Picioane ran almost 30 metres before pushing the ball in the path of John Nicolaides, who fired a first time shot into the roof of the net.

It was a bitter end for Marconi and their manager-coach, Rale Rasic. Using Paul Degney and Peter Shorne against JUST, Rasic failed to observe his sacred duty to the national team, the same team that he led so gallantly to its greatest success in 1974.

If one feels that the loss of one or two players to the National team would lead to the loss of points in the National League, then the only venue open would be to ask for postponement of the game.

Would the Phillips League agree to it?

On the other hand the Australian national team had players from other teams in the past week, including Footscray (who lost to Adelaide City), playing without Ristovski and Picioane, but nobody denied the national selector the right to use the best players.

What of Cedo Kirkovic, the manager-coach of JUST?

With Aggie Muniz sitting on the bench alongside Kosmina, Juventus took time to settle down but once they did Brisbane City found themselves defending desperately.

Gary Marocchi was the star midfielder and if he can reproduce his club form for Australia he will be a key fig in the Soccercoos 1982 World cup campaign which looks a lot brighter than most people think.

After an even first 30 minutes,



Footscray J.U.S.T. at Bosley Park, standing from left: Martin, Boland, Nicolaides, O'Hara, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kazi, Rujovic. Front: Picioane, Ilioski, Ristovski, Lujic, Kriaris, Vasic. "Nase Novire" picture.



Action in JUST's goal area—from left: Kriaris, Boland, Mariani, Rujovic, Picioane, Kondarios, Kazi and Jankovic.

Kosmina dropped, Deans grabs two

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

John Kosmina, Australia's top striker, sat on the bench as Adelaide Juventus blew a first-half three-goal lead and finally scraped home against tenacious Brisbane City at Olympic Sportsfield.

Juventus coach Les Scheinflug preferred Scottish import Jim Muir to Kosmina in a move which very nearly backfired.

Despite Kosmina playing well below his best it was a surprise to see him on the reserve bench. "It is a decision which could be compared with an Australian Test cricket team dropping Ian Chappell because he's had a lean run."

Ironically Muir was the weak link in Juventus's attack and missed three golden opportunities.

Scheinflug said after the game: "I know many people would have liked to see John Kosmina have a run, but we have to look to the future and realise he will be going back to England in two weeks' time."

Scheinflug looks certain to draft Kosmina into the team to play St. George in Sydney on Sunday and it may be just as well because Saints goalkeeper Martin Coe is in fine form.

With Aggie Muniz sitting on the bench alongside Kosmina, Juventus took time to settle down but once they did Brisbane City found themselves defending desperately.

Gary Marocchi was the star midfielder and if he can reproduce his club form for Australia he will be a key fig in the Soccercoos 1982 World cup campaign which looks a lot brighter than most people think.

After an even first 30 minutes,



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number, John Perin, for a well earned goal in the 66th minute.

ECHEVERRIA slipped the ball around PERIN on the touch line, hit goal-mouth cross and BUGSY NYSKOHUS sliced it into his own goal.

Six minutes later John Levelle silenced the crowd when he hit a furious ground shot from 30 metres which tore past Peter Marshall for the goal of the match.

Brisbane looked as if they were going to repeat their feat against West Adelaide last year when they drew 3-3, with a goal from Connor in the last minute, after West had led 3-0.

But it was Juventus which looked more likely to score, although Marshall had a few anxious moments.

While Scheinflug could not be delighted with Juventus's second half effort, he must have been impressed with Deans who proved what a great player he is.

There are not many players who could hit top form so quickly after a four-month lay-off and the burden of personal problems.

Deans was desperately unlucky not to have grabbed a hat trick and he would have had it if it were not for a last ditch clearance off the line by Ian Rathmell after the Scottish ace had headed over Barlow.

But with another match under his belt this week against St. George, Deans will be ready for Rale Rasic's Marconi raiders at the Olympic Sports Field on July 2.

Summerscales forces draw

By JOE LANZONI

Newcastle United had to come from behind to gain a point against South Melbourne Hellas at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

After having great territorial advantage in a scoreless first half Newcastle United were stunned by a DUNCAN CUMMINGS goal in the 63rd minute to put the visitors ahead.

The goal came when a long clearance from goalkeeper John Hansen found Craig Johnston and Col Curran going for the same ball and only managing to deflect it to the unmarked Cummings.

The South Melbourne youngster made ground before beating Dando with a left-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area.

For South Melbourne Hellas, who looked like they would have been happy with a draw, the goal was a welcome bonus, but it proved to be short-lived.

Newcastle continued to play spirited football and in the 71st minute it looked like Dalpin would equalise when he was put through by a 50 metre defence-splitting pass by Col Curran, but a last ditch sliding tackle by Margaritis Hageganoul put the ball out for a corner.

From the ensuing corner, taken by GALPIN, BILL SUMMERSCALES beat JOHN HANSEN in the South Melbourne goal with a glancing header to put Newcastle United back on level terms.

Newcastle once again started the game in great fashion and were unlucky not to score in the opening minutes when Craig Johnston's header from a corner by Boden was pushed around the post by goalkeeper John Hansen.

From the second corner by Boden, Johnston's beat Hansen only to see Chris Kalafatis clear off the line.

However the visitors regained their composure, prompted by Bertie Lutton and it wasn't long before George Campbell started to look menacing in several raids down the flanks.

In this period however the Newcastle United's defence was coping quite well, ably led by Bill Summerscales whose duel with Bill Rogers was a feature of the match.

Once again Summerscales gave an immaculate performance and was undoubtedly the best player on the ground, missing nothing from a defensive point of view and giving the South Melbourne Hellas



Newcastle 1. Sm-Hellas 1

defence plenty of headaches whenever he moved up for corners and free kicks.

Another player who is starting to realise his full potential is Peter Willis whose battle with George Campbell was another feature of an entertaining match.

Willis's defensive qualities have always been first class, but he marred some of his earlier performances with poor distribution. However in the past few games his passing has improved considerably and he is starting to fulfil his early promise.

Hellas were well served by the majority of their players, with Mike Pye standing out in the defence, Bertie Lutton being the instigator of most of the attacking moves, and George Campbell, the ex-perdeen forward, showing all the flair and imagination expected from a player of his calibre.

After the match both coaches, Allen Vest and Dago MacLaren were quite satisfied with a draw. South Melbourne's point allowing them to keep in touch with the leaders, especially with Marconi failing to secure any point last weekend and Newcastle's point meaning another small step towards what has been — to finish in the middle of the competition.

Newcastle United travels to Adelaide this weekend to meet the team that is edging slowly but surely towards the top of the PSL, West Adelaide Hellas.

In the first-round encounter between these two sides West Adelaide managed to grab both points, thanks to a much publicised own goal, but in the process looked an ordinary side.

Since then West Adelaide obviously have gone from strength to strength. Newcastle United also have improved considerably and are eagerly awaiting the return clash.

In what could possibly be one of the best matches of the round, it would not surprise to see Newcastle United take points from Adelaide.

Canberra booted!

By PETER WINDSOR

"What a bore — another draw," echoed the voice of the ABC-TV announcer giving the 1-1 Canberra/St George result.

It was Canberra's 10th draw of the season. For St George, as veteran coach Joe Vlasto so aptly put it: "I welcomed the point".

It wasn't something the League's wooden-spooners deserved. Canberra gave it to them.

St George, riddled with injury problems and players on duty for Australia against Greece, created few real goosering chances but took the one that mattered to claim a point.

Canberra squandered dozens —

George's man-of-the-match, spring-heeled goalkeeper, Martin Coe.

Once more Canberra, before their home crowd at Bruce Stadium, failed to break their home ground jinx and not to their first home win of the season.

Again they started brilliantly, promised much but failed to deliver the goods.

And on this occasion — and it could be an ominous sign for City



Canberra 1 St. Geo 1.

Canberra off the field.

That is something that has never happened before. The 5,500 who braved near arctic conditions to watch the game wanted both points.

But more, they wanted signs of thoughtful, play in front of goal — the sort of play that breaks defences and produces goals.

Canberra's finishing was woeful. It was what saved St George.



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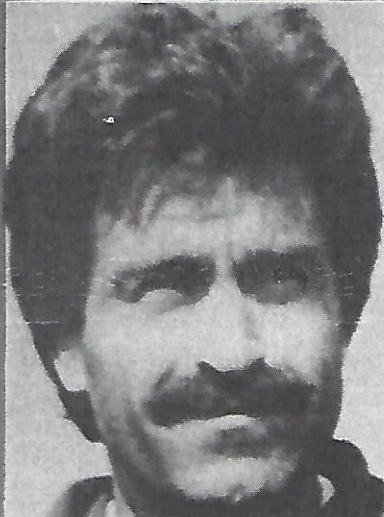
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Left back Theodoros Pallas — brilliant again, as he was in Greece's 2-1 win in Melbourne.



Australian striker John Kosmina — helpless against Kapsis and the other Greek defenders.

Terzanidis gives Socceroos a lesson in midfield

By FRANK PANGALLO

Australia's so-called "best team available" looked hardly that in the international against Greece in Adelaide last Wednesday night.

Distinct deficiencies in midfield and, to a lesser extent in attack, were the prime reasons for Australia's capitulation.

The Greeks themselves are experimenting with new players and the present squad which had beaten the Socceroos for the second time is only mediocre by European standards.

Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder played Gary Marocchi, Peter Stone and Murray Barnes in midfield, an exercise which backfired in glaring fashion during the first half.

None had the flair, creativity or destructive qualities of Greece's Christos Terzanidis.

Terzanidis tore the Australian midfielders apart in a lively first half that belonged to the Greeks.

He opened many avenues toward goal for quicksilver strikers Christos Infaundis and Dimitrios Gesios.

Infaundis in particular often left the Australian defenders flat-footed with his tremendous accelera-

GREECE 1 (Infaundis), AUSTRALIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium full international Crowd 9,502.

Ratings:

GREECE-Christidis 7; Kyrastis 7, Ravousis 7, Kapsis 7, Pallas 8; Terzanidis 9, Kondogeorgakis 7 (Ziakos 84 mins), Xanthopolous 7; Infaundis 9, Gesios 8, Liakos 6 (Ziakos 68 min).

AUSTRALIA-Maher 9; Byrne 7, Jones 7, Bennett 6, Tansey 9; Stone 6, Marocchi 6, Barnes 6 (O'Conner 85 min); Sharne 6, Kosmina 6, Nyskohous 6.

tion and skills in front of goal.

But the tremendous pressure the Socceroo defence had to absorb would have been greatly alleviated had the midfielders stuck to their task and marked players.

In fact, Australia's best players were in defence where Jim Tansey, Alan Maher, David Jones and Gary Byrne tried desperately to contain the Greek onslaught.

It was Maher's best international by far. He saved superbly on two occasions early in the first half and had no choice but to foul Infaundis and receive a yellow card in the 30th minute when the Greek striker flashed toward an open goal.

In attack, the Socceroos had an unpleasant taste of aggressive tackling and tight marking.

John Kosmina always had two defenders snapping at his heels, Johnny Nyskohous found he couldn't rely on speed alone to get past giant defenders and Peter Sharne was hardly seen running onto the ball.

Again, blame here should fall on the midfielders who showed little

imagination in their build-ups.

It was hardly a high class spectacle for the 10,000 fans who braved the cold.

The game was marred by vicious tackles, the Greeks being the chief culprits.

Their defensive tactics were obvious. Any striker moving within shooting distance of the goal was brutally cut down.

In the end, referee Don Campbell had five players — Australians Allan Maher, John Kosmina and Murray Barnes and Greeks Charalambos Fanthopolous and Petros Ravousis — booked.

Had Campbell been more authoritative early, there would not have been as much spite between players.

He allowed too many fouls to go by without threatening to dig into his pocket and show the cards.

Instead, Campbell tried diplomacy and the Greeks took advantage of it.

Greece opened stylishly and had the ball in the back of the net within two minutes but Campbell ruled that

Gesios had fouled a defender as he rose for a header.

Maher saved Australia in the sixth minute when Xanthopolous drove fiercely and again, a minute later when he tipped a dipping ball from Rigani-Eduard Kondogeorgakis over the bar.

One of Australia's more positive moves came in the 13th minute when Stone cleverly beat three players and played the ball to Nyskohous who in turn flicked to Barnes to find Kosmina but the ball was forced out for a corner — one of four Australia had for the match, compared with 14 by the Greeks.

But Greece always looked damaging when they moved forward and it was evident Gesios and Infaundis have already established a creative rapport.

In the 20th minute, Infaundis flashed across the area and whipped a cross to Gesios but the header whistled centimetres past the upright.

Australia's defence was often prone to lapses in concentration.

On one occasion, tall stopper Anthimos Kapsis was allowed to stride through midfield and try a shot at Maher without anybody moving to him.

Australia's best chance of the game came a minute from half time in a scintillating move involving Marocchi, Stone and Barnes.

Stone crossed high from the right and Barnes rose to head the ball at the goal with Greek keeper Nikolaos Christidis well beaten. But it was with agonising frustration that Barnes watched Kapsis desperately clear the ball off the line.

The Socceroos



Greece's awesome goalk — the Australian forward

managed to play with more method in the second half but it wasn't enough to unsettle the cocky Greeks.

Tansey asserted more authority from defence but his moves came to nothing as Greece's defenders persisted with blatant fouls within 18 metres of the goal.

In all honesty, the Socceroos never looked like getting past the Greek defence, let alone beating Christidis who hardly had anything to do for most of the game.

The highlight came in the 71st minute with a thunderous goal from Infaundis just inside the area after substitute Petros Karavitis had rocked the upright with a blistering thunderbolt.

It was only fitting that the diminutive striker should top a classy effort with a spectacular scoring shot.

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Not for the common man

Canberra booed!

From page 7.

Only 90 seconds had elapsed when City forced a corner and Ian Heywood's kick found Tony Henderson's head and the lanky defender's effort shaved the crossbar.

Minutes later a neat back-header from Roy Stark sent Ivan Grujic through with only the advancing Coo to beat. He didn't, Coo got down expertly and smothered the shot.

Two near misses in five minutes! Five minutes later Coo again saved brilliantly from Stark.

Three to Canberra — none to St George. It was, in fact, as one-sided as the scoring chances indicated.

It wasn't until the 22nd minute that St. George fired a positive shot at goal. Big Neville Morgan was the marksman and Canberra's keeper, Tised, did well to save.

Six minutes later it was again Morgan whose rising shot had Tised saving well. But generally the territorial play and pressure was all City's. They had near total control of the midfield.

Outstanding in their respective roles for City were John Brown and Tony Henderson.

However, it was beginning to look as if City were to be denied a goal when, from another raid, Stark was tripped and Melbourne referee Tony Beazleigh pointed to the spot.

Ivan Grujic was the man who took it — and he took it well by sending Coo the wrong way.

One up! Fans thought it was to be the beginning of many. Not so.

Four minutes later St. George were on equal terms. Scorer was English guest player, former Spurs star, Ralph Coates. Until this Coates had been well contained.

He appeared to foul teenage City defender Steve Hogg, to get the ball and City's defenders stood still expecting such a decision. It didn't come and Coates didn't waste his chance, scoring with a 15-metre ground shot into the far left hand corner.

That was, of course, to be the final score. Again in the second half City were dominant although St. George did make a much better showing.

With but a mere handful of the chances that came City's way they still managed to look far more dangerous whenever near goal.

Canberra are again at home this Saturday to Sydney Olympic. Finally, perhaps, they may give the PSL's greatest fans what they so earnestly want — and that's a

CITY STR IN CUP

PHILIPS CUP:- BRISBANE CITY 0.

CITY — Barlow 7, Iozzelli 8, Tokesi 7, Perry 8, Kibbey 7, Pimblett 6, Echeverria 6 (Johnston 75th), Coyne 7, Comer 7, Marley 7, Caldwell 6 (Kelso 77th).

ST. GEORGE — Kelly 7, Docherty 7, Barnes 6, Edwards 8, Makrillis 8, Knott 7, W. Fagan (sent off 13th), I. Fagan 7, Constantinou 7, Berry 6, Mylonas 6 (Capal 80th).

Brisbane City looked anything but Philips Cup holders when they struggled to beat Queensland First Division side St. George-Southern 1-0 in their first round match at Perry Park.

City's unimpressive performance was highlighted further by the fact that St. George played a man short for all but the first 13 minutes.

Key midfielder Billy Fagan, brother of City's Ian, was sent off by referee Jack Wood for swearing, giving St. George a virtually impossible task.

Iain Fagan, who belongs to St. George and is playing on loan with City in the PSL, actually played for the First Division side as he was not chosen by Denis Ford for the second successive match.

This means that Fagan now is ineligible to

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STONE AND PERRY SHOW THEIR CLASS IN SYDNEY

By DIETER WERNER

Greek coach Alketas Panagoulas said after the game it had been the display by his team since arriving in Australia.

He said his players were probably tired after playing three games in eight days.

"However, I believe we have at least a 50-50 chance in our European National Cup match against the USSR in Moscow on September 20," Panagoulas said.

The Australian tour must have pleased Panagoulas, as it confirmed his faith in at least two of the younger players — centre back Kapsis and forward Handlidis, although the latter did not sparkle in Sydney the way he had in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Left back Pallas was the most consistent of the Greek players on tour, and midfielder Kondogeorgakis has also shown some admirable qualities.

Panagoulas would not comment on the penalty decision which gave Australia its equalising goal in the 77th minute, other than to say he did not agree with the decision.

"However, I must instruct my players not to argue with the referee in future," he said, referring to their remonstrations with referee David Yelland.

Australian coach Jim Shouler, in command for the last time before he returns to England on Monday, said: "The boys were patient and showed they can knock it about."

"For once in the series, we had Greece playing impatient football," Shouler said he was particularly pleased with the performances of midfielders Peter Stone and John O'Shea and with George Harris and John Davies who had been called into the squad after playing league games the day before, to replace Paul Degney and Peter Sharne (see separate story).

Another success in the team was sweeper Steve Perry of Brisbane City.

The game was short of scoring chances, Greece having only three or four and Australia perhaps two apart from the penalty.

Before leaving, Shouler called on all levels of Australian soccer administration to formulate a hard and fast build-up program for the next World Cup and to stick to it rigidly.

He cited the example set by West Germany, which will draw up a new program immediately after the World Cup.

The series against Greece has thrown up a number of new players who look capable of developing into useful Socceroos for the 1981 qualifying games.

They are: midfielders Joe Picciano (J.U.S.T.), John Stevenson (Hakoah) and John Davies (Canberra); defenders Chris Kalafatis (St. Melb. Hellas), Steve Perry (Brisbane City) and John O'Shea (Alexander) and Phil O'Connor (St. George).

Right back Kevin Mulen of Hakoah, forward Peter Sharne of Marconi and left back Paul Degney of Marconi must also come into calculations, while John Nyskohus of Adelaide Juventus looks good now, and Jim Kondoridis of J.U.S.T. must also stand a chance.

It will be up to Australia's new coach — be he Rudi Gutendorf of Germany or one of the others on the short list — to sort them out into a solid team.

O'Connor made a big difference to the Australian team when he came on as substitute for Sebastian Giampolo half an hour from the end.

O'Connor had the skill and speed to beat Greek defenders man-to-man, which enabled Australia to build up the required numbers in attack.

Greece had the better

AUSTRALIAN XI: 1 (Barnes penalty 77th min.) GREECE 1 (Karavitis 12th.) at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd about 15000.

Player ratings:

AUSTRALIAN XI: Clarke 7 (Meier 66th); Iozelli 6, Perry 8, Bennett 7, Harris 8, Barnes 7, Davies 6 (Karapoulos 66th), J. O'Shea 7, Stone 8, Giampolo 5 (O'Connor 60th), Senkalski 6.

GREECE: Christidis 7, Kyriakos 7, Ravousis 7, Kapsis 7, Pallas 8, Kondogeorgakis 6, Terzanidis 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Karavitis 7 (Alexiadis 73rd), Liakos 6 (Ziakos 5 half time).



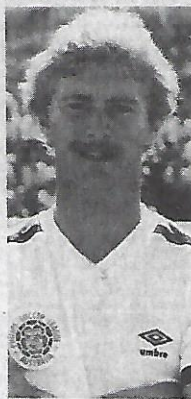
Steve Perry of Brisbane City, formerly with Western Suburbs and Sutherland.

of the first half, during which Australia showed little fight, but in the last 15 minutes, Australia played well enough to perhaps have won the game.

Petros Karavitis scored the goal that put Greece ahead. He dispossessed Peter Stone, sped towards goal and placed the ball neatly past Allan Maher.

Referee Yelland awarded Australia a penalty after Joe Senkalski had been fouled in the area, and Murray Barnes coolly slotted the ball home.

Barnes had another scoring chance with a header, but for the rest of the time, the Greek defence stood firm.



Peter Stone

Penalty too harsh on the players

Marconi's premiership hopes have been dented by the suspension of Paul Degney and Peter Sharne.

Marconi may also have difficulty qualifying for the second round of the Philips Cup when it clashes with NSW State League leader Croatia tonight (Wednesday).

Sharne and Degney were suspended for four matches, after they played in Marconi's 1-2 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T. last Sunday.

What's more, Marconi was fined \$2000 for playing them. Sharne and Degney were required to rest on Saturday, so they would be fresh to play for Australia against Greece.

Marconi defied the ASF by using them against J.U.S.T. Marconi was clearly wrong in using the two players, as other teams had suffered similar inconvenience by having to rest their representative stars.

However, it was a harsh decision by the ASF to suspend Sharne and Degney who had, after all, only acted under instructions from their employers — the Marconi club.

But regardless of the rights and wrongs of the situation, the rule requiring representative players to step down from league matches at this stage of the season, is an undesirable one.

Philips League clubs are locked in one of the tightest competitions in Australian soccer history — and the loss of key players has also meant the loss of crucial points for some teams.

Let's hope the Philips League is successful in its move for a two-week break in the league next year, during which all international matches should be played. —LAURIE SCHWAB

Cumberland holds its 6-point lead

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Cumberland kept up the hot pace at the top of the SA State league with a close 3-2 win over Noarlunga.

Cumberland thus maintained their six points lead over nearest contenders Croatia and Elizabeth.

However Cumberland found themselves trailing after only 10 minutes due to a fortunate goal by John Foy.

The talented Foy drove a firm ground shot which keeper Martin Charman fumbled and allowed to slip through his legs.

David Leane scored twice in the 33rd and 34th minutes to turn the game around for Cumberland.

But Noarlunga came charging back a minute into the second half.

Cumberland clinched the match five minutes from the end when substitute Gary Reeves curled a free kick into the top right hand corner.

The defeat kept Noarlunga in eighth position.

Croatia maintained second position with a 2-1 win over Azzurri at Hanson Reserve.

John Pope and Tommy Williams scored for Croatia while Paul Inance netted for Azzurri who dropped one slot to sixth position.

Lion were edged 1-0 by Elizabeth at Ramsay Park, Beograd thumped Victoria 2-0 in a terrible match, and Polonia beat Para Hills 1-0 with a last minute goal by John Kritikos.

The standings are — Cumberland 18, Croatia, 12, Elizabeth, Victoria 10, Polonia 10, Azzurri 9, Para Hills 9, Noarlunga 7, Lion 7, Beograd 6.

Sutherlands, Monaro the winners in a rainy week

This week's games

SATURDAY

Granville v. Inter Monaro, Garside Park.
Sutherland v. Toongabbie, Seymour Shaw.
Avale v. Melita Eagles, Mona Park.

SUNDAY

Arncliffe v. Mvilia Olympic, Hurstville Oval.
Apia v. Manly, Lambert Park.
Auburn v. Yugal, Mona Park.
Bankstown v. Croatia, Soccer Centre.

A Paul Smith header four minutes from the end enabled Sutherland to grab a 2-1 win over Marrickville Olympic at Seymour Shaw Park.

The two other Saturday games between Auburn and Toongabbie and Melita and Croatia were postponed because of the state of the grounds due to the heavy rain throughout the week.

The win by Sutherland improved their semi final prospects.

Throughout the first half Sutherland always looked the more dangerous. The constant probing by Peter and Craig Hall down both wings had the Marrickville defence stretched to the limit.

In the 15th minute, Sutherland went to the lead when Jim, Basterfield was left with a simple chance to score after a mix-up between the goalkeeper and a defender in the Marrickville penalty area.

Against the run of play, Marrickville equalised five minutes later.

brave and tenacious Bankstown at Queanbeyan.

Monaro's goals were scored by Tony Morosello and Walter Valeri who hit a hat trick in their 4-0 victory, to keep them in the top four.

The scoreless first half was even with Monaro dominating the first half hour and Bankstown having the better of the last 15 minutes.

After going close on a number of occasions Morosello scored a brilliant goal from 10 metres after

collecting a defence-splitting pass from George Campbell who had a good game in midfield.

Ten minutes later Valeri scored the first of his three goals with a spectacular 20 metre right foot drive.

Bankstown tried hard to contain the Monaro forwards but Monaro increased the pressure and Valeri scored again in the 36th minute of the second half after a shot by Alan Burke rebounded off a defender.

Valeri's third goal was scored two minutes from the end.

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St. George, held together at the back by their State player Tony Edwards and sp. Ross Kelly, who played for Western Suburbs in Sydney several years ago, but I game.

But shortly after Fagan's dismissal, City red their only goal when midfielder John yne beat Kelly after receiving a great enough ball from Willie Conner in the 16th minute.

St. George almost snatched a dramatic equaliser soon after when Bob Barlow was then by a blistering shot from centre half an Barnes which cleared the crossbar by 15 centimetres.

St. George's next best scoring chance s in the second half when young winger Constantinou made a powerful run along the right wing but his final shot was if saved by Barlow.

Constantinou has stacks of potential and ently was interviewed in Brisbane by they Olympic officials.

City made plenty of second half inroads in their finishing was poor and interest in match was maintained by the fact that

Much wrong with the league's leadership

By MARIA BIEWER,

former MLMC member and Keilor City official, and a one-time candidate for the presidency of the VSF.

While I was a member of the Victorian Metropolitan League Management Committee last year, I came to doubt the effectiveness of that organisation as a representative body of the Metropolitan League and as an avenue for decision-making.

I have since spoken with a number of people around the clubs with similar doubts and feel that the following points should be raised on their behalf.

1. **How representative is the MLMC?**
Recently there have seldom been elections for representatives to the MLMC, simply because not enough people nominate at the annual meetings. One can certainly understand the difficulties faced by delegates who spend all their spare time being involved in their own clubs, to find the dedication to serve on yet another committee.

Those who make the sacrifice have insufficient time to fully represent the interests of other clubs, so that the MLMC becomes a forum for the grievances of about 12 clubs only. This can become a venture point for those clubs to reap the benefits of new initiatives, such as the recent allocation of money from the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Recreation, for the upgrading of grounds and facilities.

2. **Are the ethnic clubs given a fair go?**
The representation of ethnic clubs on the MLMC does not correlate with the number of such clubs in metropolitan soccer.

Although we would all like to deny that discrimination against ethnic clubs exists, they are still faced with special problems of language and lack of confidence in their personnel to sit on English-speaking committees. I am quite aware that many migrant people involved in soccer are very competent in administration, and in effectively communicating with their players, supporters and patrons. However, the opportunity to share this with other clubs does not lend itself to official management level. And the confidence of migrant people is continually being shattered by the insensitive



Maria Biewer

remarks and actions of officials of the game. I know of one referee who told the players of a Greek club not to speak to him in Greek although he understood that language himself. There are many players around whose knowledge of English is limited to swearing and if they are denied the use of their own tongue, this is all they have to resort to. And where does it leave them? Usually with a "bad mark" against their name, or at the

tribunal hearing on Wednesday.

What would happen if English-speaking referees asked English-speaking players not to converse with them in English? Or is there some written law about the game in Victoria that makes soccer an English-speaking game?

3. **How effective is the MLMC as a decision-making body?**

Meetings of the management committee are held once a month, and usually last about two hours. If you are not a member of the committee, you may get special permission to attend and to address the members on some issue. This does not happen often. The meetings are otherwise "closed" so that if your club does not have its own representative present, the likelihood of your grievances being heard is slight. But that is not as important an issue as the fact that this is what it's all about: grievances. The important decisions have usually been made before they are brought to the attention of the MLMC, which then generally acts as a rubber stamp to endorse such decisions.

Even though the meetings are

held only monthly, there is rarely a full committee present, probably due to the fact that meetings are held on a Tuesday night (training?), and as mentioned earlier, due to the pressures of time on already-active people.

What can be done?

I think the problem lies in the fact that, to be elected onto the MLMC, you must either be a member of a particular club, or be an independent person nominated by a club. This cuts out people who have an interest in soccer generally, or in a number of clubs in a specific area, who are unlikely to be nominated by any one club because of the "pecuniary interest" nature of the MLMC.

Yet a person elected through constitutional channels at the present time can quite easily resign from the club for which he acted as a delegate, and still retain his position on the management committee without the stigma of having to be discreet in terms of club representation.

I can see the value in having "independent" members on the

MLMC, and there are many who agree. Such people need not be concerned about problems of a specific club and could therefore concentrate on issues with wider implications to soccer generally, and hopefully contribute to the development of this committee as the kind of force it could be in making constructive decisions not State League oriented and initiated decisions, but decisions made for, and on behalf of those clubs that are contributing so much to soccer in Victoria — the metropolitan clubs.

Nor would these people be bound by time spent in attending to the running of a club — a mammoth task in itself — and thus seeing the development of the game in these limited terms.

Is there any scope for this kind of "independent" member? If so, would someone please put forward a proposal along these lines to the relevant authority, an "independent" person finds it somewhat difficult to be officially heard.

Polonia mounts strong challenge, Doncaster

First Division

POLONIA 1 (Gawlik) v WESTERN SUBURBS 0

POLONIA: Sorkowski, Wozla, Mesichelli, J. Pater, Gawlik, Herman, Latic, P. Czupnik, Koter, Altieri (Hatzis 70th min), Aristodemou.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Kiss, Kypridis, Dagles, Karapostolou, Jovkovic, Gylkonas, Moore, Siergiei (Burling 60th min), Theodoridis, A. Czupnik (Christodoulos 70th min), Santangelo.
Polonia lined up without Ralph Espozito, who was suspended for three weeks after being sent off last week against Keilor City.

Western Suburbs included in their side two former Polonia players in Marlon Jaworski and Alan Czupnik. For the first twenty minutes, both sides attacked with determination and the defences were under a lot of pressure.

In the 25th minute Polonia drew first blood when a pass from Aristodemou found Jan Gawlik and his shot from 25 metres went into the back of the net with the Western Suburbs goalie well and truly beaten.

The goal filled Polonia and they continued to pressure the visitors. Western Suburbs, knowing that they had to do something extra to score, pressured the Polonia defence for most of the second half, but big John Pater and Marlon in defence were just as determined not to let the visitors score.

Errol Aristodemou squandered two excellent chances to add to Polonia's tally when he was twice clear of the defence with only the goalie to beat. His first shot went wide and a desperate defender dispossessed him just as he was about to shoot on the second occasion.

Polonia have now won three games in a row and have not had a goal scored against them in those games. But they must make more of the chances that come their way to score goals.

Best players for Polonia — Gawlik, J. Pater, Joe Herman.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 1 (Beller) v BOX HILL 1 (Taylor)

KEILOR: Dimitrijević 7, Grbac 6, Szabo 7, Santos 7, Anderson 6, Beller 6, Menesses 7, Aleksić 6, Stojanovic 7, Kuzmanovic 6, Zargan 6 (Pekovic 80th min).
BOX HILL: Margo 7, Lajish 6, Corke 6, Waalidji 7, Hall 6, Horner 7, McLeod 7, Sherman 6, Tuffield 7, Murray 6 (Campbell 83rd min.), Taylor 7.

A goal in the last minute of the game from Ray Beller earned Austria a point, which, on general play, it deserved.

Displaying class and organisation not normal for a bottom-placed team, Austria matched Box Hill in what was an even, entertaining clash.

Played on a pitch which was in immaculate condition, Austria started brightly with former Croatia forward Nick Kuzmanovic very active up front. Box Hill was under pressure early, but came back strongly in the latter part of the first half.

Hillman goalkeeper Graham Morgan made a good save at the post after Kuzmanovic had shot low, and at the other end, Ray Taylor was finding space and was unlucky with a couple of efforts.

Kuzmanovic faded, but Austria continued to build up attacks from the back, where the skilful pair of Pedro Santos and Joe Szabo were in control.

The Hillman attacked more quickly than Austria, but couldn't split the Austria rearguard.

The game heated up in the second half, and both sides had chances. Ian Tuffield wacked a volley against the bar for Box Hill, and a goalmouth scramble at the other end nearly saw Austria go into the lead.

With a draw looking the likely result, Taylor got in between two Austria defenders and clipped the ball into the net. Austria's luck, which has obviously been down this season, looked like being bad again. However, Beller ran through soon after and clipped over Morgan for an equaliser.

The reserve game ended in a 3-3 draw, which was a bad result for the Hillmen. The Box Hill second team has drawn its last three games, and surrendered top position. Scorers for Box Hill — Derek Campbell 2, Mark Kennelby.

CROYDON CITY 5 (Wyllie 2, Murphy, Lowrey, Hamilton, Wylie)

CROYDON: Edwards, Sinclair (Fowler 70th min), Pongho, McCombe, T. Kelly, C. Kelly (Brown 55th min), Murphy, Smith, Lowrey, Hamilton, Wylie.
Croydon City overwhelmed fourth-placed Keilor City 5-0 at Croydon Park on Saturday to go six points clear on top of the Metropolitan Division One at the half-way point of the season.

Still smarting after dropping a point against Waverley last game, Croydon made no mistakes this week, scoring all five goals in a devastating burst in the first half.

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Croydon got away to a flying start when Charlie Murphy's mis-directed shot from a Pat Lowrey corner fell for Jim Wyllie to put away from close range after only 90 seconds.

At the 20 minute mark Jim Wyllie, who was having a picnic on the left wing, made space for himself and crossed a well-measured ball to the top for where Roy Hamilton headed down for Charlie Murphy to score his first league goal of the season.

Wyllie was again in position for the third goal, tapping in after the goalkeeper had only partly stopped Roy Hamilton's acute angle shot from the right hand edge of the area.

Three minutes from half time Pat Lowrey played a nice through ball to Jim Wyllie and then moved quickly up into the penalty area for the return ball to score the fourth goal.

Just on half time, Wyllie robbed the Keilor City full back and then put Charlie Murphy away up the left. Murphy's cross found Roy Hamilton who headed in his 17th goal of the season.

During half time, Keilor City made numerous drastic changes. The goalkeeper was replaced and the full back marking the brilliant Jimmy Wyllie was also taken off. A midfielder was shifted to the full back position. These moves paid dividends as Keilor City held the home team scoreless in the second term to preserve a little dignity.

Croydon coach Mike Funkelt still not fully happy with his team as they again seemed to relax after half time for the second week in a row.

Outstanding in the Croydon team were Wyllie, who was involved in all five goals, Charlie Murphy, Steve McCombe, Roy Hamilton, Alan Pongho and Pat Lowrey.

The Reserve team fought out an entertaining 2-2 draw.

After a slow start being two down early in the first half, Croydon took back scoring a goal in each half through Stewart Fowler and Geoff Gerrish.

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Jim Wyllie wins

JIM WYLLIE of First division Croydon is the 'Soccer Action' — Shuggy's Bistro Metropolitan player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at the bistro. All winners should contact Shuggy's (see phone number in ad. on this page) for details.

Adam prevented Doncaster scoring.

A very dubious refereeing decision gave Doncaster the advantage of a free kick just outside Moorabbin's penalty area. The Rovers capitalised on this to put away the equaliser some ten minutes after kick off.

Even after this goal, Doncaster never conceded themselves, and Moorabbin's constant determined attacking gave the opposition's defence no time to settle.

The final whistle blew just after another Moorabbin corner was taken, making a very tense finish, with Doncaster relieved to escape with a draw.

Fourth Division

SOUTH YARRA 0 v PARK RANGERS 8

SOUTH YARRA: Newsom, Walpole, Storey, Macfarlane, Barry, Jones, Dugdale, Burke, Littlefield, Humphries, Hendry.
PARK RANGERS: Vassiliou, Copley, Clemie, Semini, McCormack, Hargreaves, Ashton, Astorino, Parsons, Scott, Hill.

Park Rangers virtually sealed their place in the first 12 minutes with three quick goals from Hill, Hargreaves and Scott, which put South Yarra in a position from which they never recovered.

Park Rangers took the initiative from the kick off and Hargreaves and Parsons tore ribbons out of the South Yarra defence.

Scott and Ashton, playing through the middle, gave Storey and Macfarlane many anxious moments and it came as no surprise when Ashton ran through once again to Hargreaves pass to hammer Park Rangers fourth goal.

Scott and Clemie from the penalty spot, completed the scoring for the first half.

In the second half Humphries went back into defence, alongside Storey for South Yarra and for a while they contained the Rangers attack. Rangers, however, persevered and with their defence, in which McCormack and Clemie were always in control.

Ashton went on to complete his hat-trick in the second half with two well taken goals, and Rangers ran out comfortable winners.

All credit to South Yarra, who never stopped running. Their best players were Walpole, Barry and Dugdale.

For Park Rangers, best in an inspiring display were Hargreaves, Parsons and McCormack.

THIRD COMPETITION — Sunday — North-East Division: Doncaster Rovers v Hawthorn, Ringwood United (B) v University of Melbourne (B), Moorabbin v

Division I — Saturday: Arden v Box Hill, Devon v Keilor City, Keilor-Austria v Dandenong, Sunday: Collingwood City v Polonia, Croydon City v Western Suburbs, Springfield City v Waverley City.

Division II — Saturday: Fernreth Gully v Richmond, St Albans v Melbourne, Footscray JUST v Eltham, Port Melbourne v Park, Brighton v Fitzroy, Alexander, Moorabbin v Knox City.

Division III — Saturday: Yallourn v Moorabbin City, Doncaster Rovers v South Melbourne, Hixia, Essendon City v Broadmeadows City, Prahran City v Chelsea, Moorabbin v Heidelberg, Coburg v Morwell, Falcons.

Division IV — Saturday: Park v

INDUST. GOAL LEASERS

Several teams enjoyed a goal feast as the Industrial League championship reached the half way mark.

Topping the list with 12 were Keelley United who bounced back after last week's defeat whilst the team who beat them Bosch Dynamo A.U. went under 1-0 to Lyssaght. Fibremakers United also reached double figures and A.U. Ilinden and R.A.F. Point Cook each scored eight.

The top two teams in Division 1 Pegasus and Roman Leathergoods clashed in a rehearsal of next Sunday's Black Douglas Cup fixture. Two early goals for Pegasus by WILLIE OVCHAR and PAVLOVIC put the penalty spot put the League Leaders in the box seat.

Leathergoods made it 2-1 two minutes into the second half, but couldn't improve on this, and when ALAN TAYLOR added a third for Pegasus it was all over. Best man on the field was MIRO PLACKO, who had a great game.

Bosch Dynamo A.U. take over second spot on goal average but still trail Pegasus by five points. Dynamo seems to be coming good at the right time to the Cup, and proved that last week's win was no fluke by thrashing W.D. & H.O. Wills 6-0, aided by a FREDDY FIELD.

Meko Holdings built up a 2-0 lead at the interval and increased it to 3-0 by Sperry Vickers found their shooting boots to pull it back to 3-2 with 15 minutes to play. A fourth goal for Meko by LUJBE JAKOVIC put the match beyond Sperry's reach and it ended 4-2 in Meko's favour.

Lead in Division 2 but were hard pressed to do so by a determined Australia team. The Rovers obviously missed JOE FALZON and were happy to gain the lead at 3-2 with only 10 minutes of play left.

Ansett are still hanging on to second place after their first 1-0 victory. They time, says R.A.M. HAYNES who headed the ball over the advancing Philip Morris keeper to score the only goal of the match with two minutes to go.

Lyssaght, having caught up that extra game, are the new leaders in Division 3 East from C.B.C. Bank, who had a very Lyssaght scored five in each half against Bosch Dynamo B, and the goals were equally well taken by Lyssaght.

Keelley United won on the goals game against Fibre Co. tainers VINCE TAGLIAFERRO scored a hat-trick but ZVONKO KOKORUSKII went one better with four.

A.R. Split A.U. were almost toppled from their position at the top of Division 3 West and can thank a DANNY ALMICO goal minutes from time for their win over A.H.D. Utd.

Inter Milan drew 1-1 with the Chinese National team.

ITALIANS

HONGKONG — Visiting Italian soccer club Inter Milan lost 1-0 to the Peking team, the new China News Agency reported.

Peking's Yang Huna-Chiang scored in the 85th minute.

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UNDER 19 COMPETITION — Sunday: Balcombe v Hahab St Kilda, South Broadmeadows v Essendon, Essendon v Altona



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Eddie the new boss

Victorian Fourth Division club Mornington has appointed former Essendon Lions and Frankston City player George Eddie as coach.

Eddie started his new job with a 2-0 win over Monash University.

He has called for any of his old player mates looking for a club to join him at Mornington.

BACK START AT RINGWOOD!

ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Vojtek, Cumming, Kokoska, Korr, Gilder) **FRANKSTON 0.**

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Cumming, Gilder, Vojtek.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannan, Irvine, Gillespie, Adams, G. Bannan (Taylor), Webster, Parrott, Tulloch (Campbell), Eadie, MacGregor.

A warning to State League clubs — if any of you have plans to build new grounds, don't invite Essendon Croatia to the opening.

Twice this season Croatia has played in games which mark the opening of a club's new ground, and twice the opposition have been given embarrassing defeats.

Preston Macedonia was the first to suffer when it went down 0-3 at B.T. Connor Reserve, and last Sunday Frankston was trounced in the presence of the Mayor of Frankston, Cr. Batchelor, at the opening of Centenary Park. Not only is the 0-5 thrashing humiliating to the Baysiders but also it signals the end of the club's bid for the State League title.

However, Croatia coach Billy McArthur refuses to believe that his team has the championship wrapped up.

"Croatia's not the team," said McArthur, "but a team." If we want to win the league we must get our attitude right and beat the bottom teams as well as those at the top.

However, he said the players' attitude towards this game was "tremendous." The former Croatia captain stirred his players up for the big clash by reminding them of the Croatia of yesterday.

"I told them," said McArthur, "that it was the tradition that Croatia always won the next game after a defeat. We lost to Ringwood in our last game, but we came back and played extremely well against Frankston."

Croatia was in a killer mood. From the opening minute, when Ante Bilaver moved up and fired a shot at goal, Essendon was continually pressuring Frankston.

At half time the score was 3-0, and all the goals came from corners. The first saw Billy Vojtek stab the ball home after Alan Kerr had headed onto the bar and then Tommy Cumming slammed one after the ball had gone to the far post.

Slavia Kokoska made it 3-0 and McArthur's plan to capitalise on Frankston's weakness at corners was paying off.

"I watched Frankston play," said McArthur, "and noticed that the team was very weak at defending corners. We worked out a few moves in training and it paid off."

After half time, Croatia ground Frankston into the turf. Kerr got the fourth before Carl Gilder scored the last, and best, goal of the game.

The move started with right-back Grant Smart when he passed square to John Gardiner. Gardiner put a pass to Vojtek on the wing, and he turned and slotted the ball down the flank to Kerr, who had made position. Kerr kicked a good ball into space for Gilder to run on to it and kick it home.

Although Frankston played badly, the club was still a winner. Local councillors spoke enthusiastically about the growth of junior soccer on the peninsula, and pledged to support this growth. Also, the opening of the new ground, which has magnificent change rooms and pavilion, will no doubt boost the membership of the Frankston club and soccer in general.

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

This week's games

SATURDAY
Slavia v Ringwood City (Show Ground, Ascot Vale).
Hakoah v Green Gully (Middle Park).
SUNDAY
Albion Leyland v Sunshine (Solwyn Park).
Makedonia v George Cross (B. T. Connor Res., Reservoir).
Essendon Croatia v Juventus (Olympic Park).
Altona v Frankston (Kim Reserve).

State League team of week

In brackets: number of appearances in this team

SCHOLTEN (1) (Suns)	OWENS (1) (Hak)	GARDINER (2) (Cro)	ELLIS (1) (Suns)	BILAUER (2) (Cro)
BLAIR (1) (Hak)	BERNARD (4) (Hak)	GIBSON (1) (Hak)	SAVESKI (1) (Hak)	CLAREY (2) (Hak)
VOJTEK (1) (Cro)				

Player of the week

MIKE CLAREY of Hakoah is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at Nickleby's of Carlton.

Slavia thwarted

SUNSHINE 1 (Cook) **SLAVIA 1** (Paton).
SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Howe. Slavia: Paton, McRobert, Langan, Nelson, Bannan, Cook, Pocock, D. Nelson.

Slavia consolidated the team's place in the top four, but Slavia came close to snatching both points with a late burst.

Goalkeeper John Scholten made a miraculous save in the dying stages to thwart Slavia, which had been on top in the first half and played good, open soccer throughout the game.

Sunshine suffered a blow when it lost winger Jim McRobert with a suspected chipped ankle only two minutes after he's replaced the injured Frank Mussel.

Nick Cook scored his first goal for Sunshine after transferring from Green Gully earlier this season.

Sunshine is only one of the many State League clubs up in arms about the recent inactivity of the league. Because of international games only two rounds of league games have been played in the past four weeks.

Jim Paton put Slavia ahead in the 30th minute after a corner kick had dropped in the goalmouth, but an improved Sunshine after half time, fought back and got an equaliser.

The game was evenly contested, and the referee had an easy time. Sunshine's best were defenders Steve Ellis and Nick Lowe, while John Zendeon and Steve Short were Slavia's best.

Johnstone breaks leg

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Reed pen, Maitland) **ALBION LEYLAND 1** (McIntyre).
GEORGE CROSS: Rice, McConville, Webb, Maitland, Barron, Murphy, Wilkinson, Cullen, Reed, Mifsud (Castello), Walker.
ALBION: Oliver, Dapert, Blair, McCluskey, Johnstone injured, (Davidson), D'Silva, McIntyre, Gresham, Milten, McCormack, Quinn.

Albion Leyland's injury jinx struck again when full back Jimmy Johnstone broke his leg.

Johnstone is the second Albion player to break a leg this season. Gordon Bentley suffered a break against Ringwood in an Ampol Cup match. The luckless Johnstone broke a leg last season as well.

The defeat sends Leyland into a perilous position near the bottom of the League. The two points George gained keeps the club just above the relegation zone but under new coach Johnny Sanchez, the Cross is expected to climb up the table.

Ken Reed put George into the lead from the penalty shot in the first half, and Albion equalised in the second with a headed goal by Billy McIntyre.

Norm Maitland secured the match for George when he rose and headed home a corner near the end.

Albion's forward line was ineffective, and only when John Davidson came on in place of Johnstone, who'd given away the penalty with an accidental handball, did Leyland look dangerous when attacking.

Youngster Steven Blair teamed well with Danny McCluskey in the centre of the Leyland defence, and these two were Albion's best.

John Webb returned to his normal position of centre half after playing midfield in recent weeks, and was very solid.

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Kerr (Cro)
GREEN GULLY v MAKEDONIA
3 Saveski (Hak)
2 Bernard (Hak)
1 McClymont (Hak)

SUNSHINE v SLAVIA
3 Ellis (Suns)
2 Zendeon (Slavia)
1 Short (Slavia)
GEORGE CROSS v ALBION
3 Blair (Alb)
2 Webb (Geo)
1 Reed (Geo)
RINGWOOD v ALTONA
3 Carnaby (Ring)
2 Gambin (Alb)
1 Little (Alb)
Leading votegetters —
11 Bernard (Mak), Eddie (Frank),
10 Whiteside (Hak)
8 Zendeon (Slavia), Williams (Slavia), Carnaby (Ring), Coulson (Ring)
7 Cumming (Cro), Gardiner (Cro), Denys (Gully), Sabidussi (Juve), Walker (Gully), Dixey (Suns)
6 Taylor (Alt), Kerr (Cro), Kokoska (Cro), Irvine (Frank), Adams (Frank), Mifsud (Geo)
5 Krncevic (Cro), McConville (Geo), McCarthy (Gully), Cain (Gully), (Slavia), Ellis (Suns), Clary (Hak)
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5 Krncevic (Cro), Cumming (Cro)
4 McCormack (Alb), Taylor (Alt), Bannan (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), Reed (Geo), Paton (Slavia), McMillan (Mak)
3 Kerr (Cro), Murphy (Cro), Gilder (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), Bennie (Gully), Segi (Gully), Craig (Hak), Glennon (Mak), Bernard (Mak), D. Nelson (Suns)

Makedonia 4-0

GREEN GULLY 0 MAKEDONIA 4 (Saveski 4th. 63rd. Bernard 70th. 79th).

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Donaldson, Paton, Cain, Klein, McCarthy, Daniels (Tribuzio 78th), L. Thompson, Segi, Carr, Perkin.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets, Petrovski, Becsi, Blazek, Bremerton, Hepp, Saveski, Mallymont, McMillan, Bernard, Glennon (McClifford 72nd).

Preston Macedonia continued its recent good form with an emphatic win away to Green Gully which came down to earth with a bump after two recent impressive wins.

Eric Leashin fielded the same team that beat Juventus 4-0 and he now seems to have settled on a forward line comprising Mike Savski, George McMillan and Chris Glennon.

Colin McCafford, until recently transfer listed, was on the bench for Green Gully, while close season big signings Paul Hallam and Paul Gisson were only spectators.

New striker Geoff Fawcner was also missing due to an injury at training.

Green Gully fielded an unchanged side but its performance was a pale shadow of the one against George Cross, when Gully won 5-0.

Gully kicked down the slope and with the wind in the first half, and persisted in crossing high balls from the wings which keeper Peter Laumets cut out with little difficulty.

Ala's best scoring chance came from a good driving header by David Perkin to meet an Ian McCarthy free kick which sailed just over the bar.

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Bernard put a bit of comic relief into the game by donning a red and black cap thrown by a Makedonia supporter. He played with it on for close on five minutes, and then went on to score his second goal. John Cain, chasing back, lunged into a tackle to rob McMillan who had run on to a through ball. The ball deflected to the left side where Bernard was lurking and he calmly scored.

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Hakoah on its way

HAKOAH 5 (French 17th & 53rd mins, Clary 58th, 76th & 88th mins) **JUVENTUS 0.**

HAKOAH: Whiteside 6, Owens 7, Baker 6, Dosen 6, Vail 6 (Gaddy 75th min), Jordanou 6 (Micic 75th min), Blair 8, Gibson 8, Craig 7, French 7, Clary 8.

JUVENTUS: Graham 5 (sent off, 51st min), Philster 5, Walker 6, Symington 5, Sabadini 5, Sabidussi 5 (L. Luchesi 75th min), Smith 4 (Harby 61st min), C. Luchesi 4, Watkins 5, Curcio 4, Hoson 5.

Big-spending Hakoah finally hit top gear with a 5-0 win but it was more a workmanlike performance than a dazzling display.

Juventus, which was woeful, was there for the taking, and Frank Micic's men, playing within their capabilities, clinically took apart the Italian-backed team.

However, although Hakoah turned it on for only a 15-minute period after half time, the win was a good tonic for the side.

Last week Juventus announced that the club was no longer interested in winning the State League and instead wanted to use this season to build the team for the future. This must have affected the team's performance.

There was no enthusiasm and it was truly the effort of a team with nothing to aim for.

The first half was a dreary affair with the small attendance adding to the gloom. Both sides gave the ball away and most of the play was slow and unimaginative.

Hakoah was on top early but Juventus wiggled its way back into the game after conceding a goal after 17 minutes. It was a counter-attack which brought Hakoah its first goal.

After a Juventus corner the ball was cleared quickly up field. Billy Jordanou collected a pass from Stewart Blair and after running with the ball to the edge of the Juventus penalty area, passed square to Ian Gibson, who had made space on the left.

Gibson steadied, but his shot was deflected by a Juve defender. The ball flew across the face of goal to Graham French, who had crept up on the far post, and he had little trouble slotting it home.

Juve, which had Jim Armstrong on the bench, nearly equalised just before half time. Mick Watkins, who was one of the team's better players, cut in from the left and chipped a high ball to the far post. John Hoson jumped and back-headed to full back Serge Sabadini, who had come up on the blind side, but his fierce shot was palmed over well by Billy Whiteside.

Juve's tactic of using the flanks continuously when attacking did not work. On many occasions wingers Hoson and Watkins would get the ball only to be boxed in by Hakoah defenders. Many times they got the ball deep into the Hakoah half but wasted the advantage by fiddling around on the wings.

Hakoah's second half onslaught, which was to produce four goals, was inspired by Gibson and Blair. They controlled the midfield and launched countless attacks. Of course credit must go to Mike Clary and French, who took the chances created, and with a bit more luck they would've scored more. French scored the second goal soon after half time after following up a shot from Gibson.

Hakoah's third goal, which totally demoralised Juve, was coolly scored by Clary. After a corner kick, the Juve defence rushed out hoping to catch an Hakoah forward offside as the ball was played forward. However, Clary was ruled outside as he ran on to George Craig's chip, and the former Hakoah player calmly and casually slotted the ball past Hugh Graham.

Juve players protested vigorously and comments from the crowd of 1000 or so were heard. This was to prove a tragic mistake for the goalkeeper.

The goal burst Juve's banks, and Hakoah opened up and played fast, attractive soccer. The Juve backline was rattled, and the team's midfield, which at no stage was up to scratch, was nowhere to be seen.

French, who had been kept quiet in the first half by Steve Blair, got back at his marker by outrunning him in the 61st minute. French escaped Walker and gathered a through ball on the left side. He cut in, with the Juve defence very disorganised, and set up Jordanou, who was bowled over in the penalty area by Jim Symington just as he was about to shoot.

A penalty was awarded, and Graham foolishly abused the referee, earning himself the red card. Confusion reigned for several minutes as the Juve camp decided what it should do. Finally, reserve keeper Mick Harby was brought on in place of Charlie Smith.

The waiting was too much for David Baker. He stepped up to take the penalty, but was well wide of the post, letting Juve off the hook.

Hakoah was doing as it pleased, and soon it was 4-0. Clary easily outplayed Harby after a corner kick from Craig, and flicked the ball into the net in style.

However, after getting to 4-0, Hakoah seemed to slip a little.

Then came one of the highlights of the game. Micic brought himself on in place of Jordanou, starting off a new era in the former J.U.S.T. star's career.

Clary completed his hat-trick two minutes from the end when he broke loose inside the Juve 18 yard box and chipped the ball over Harby, who had gone down as he tried to clear it.

League competitions, to gain experience.

However, the club does not want to lose them for good.

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A pictorial tribute to Mirko Rujevic, by photographer SAM BELFONTE. Top left: being tackled by Brendan Grosse of St George; top centre: winning a heading duel with Canberra's Danny Moulis; bottom left: in a tangle with, from left: Alan Kershaw (Hakoah), Mendo Ristovski (No. 11), Jim Kriaris and Murray Barnes (Hakoah).

MIRKO RUJEVIC, CHESS CHAMP

by KYLE PATTERSON

ZIKA NIKOLIC



U Sydneyu smo, u subotu, uzivali u nekoliko gurmanskih poslastica.

Prvo, izvanredne ugodnosti za predstavnike stampe, vrlo dobro predstavljene. Marconi očigledno mnogo polaze na glas "sedme sile" i sve listove tretira prdjednako. Tako, u novinarskoj lozi, za stalno vezi sa svojom agencijom, sedeo je predstavnik Australian Associated Pressa, Sydney Morning Herald, Novosti, ali i dopisnici nekih manje poznatih australskih i etnickih listova.

Drugo, divno suncano vreme, kao naruceno za nas goste, iako je teren bio tezak i klizav posle kisa iz prethodnih dana. Markonijevu igraliste nalazi se u samom centru "male Jugoslavije".

Zanimljivo je, zato, da je ovu vrlo vaznu utakmicu gledalo svega oko 3000 ljudi. Ali mi ne smemo da se zalimo. Odmah posle desetak probnih minuta, dok su igrači isprobavali teren i jedni drugima puls, i kao se primetilo da je JUST tvrd orak ("ne slomi ga, al zube polomi"), igod novinarske loze stidljivo je jedna pozamašna grupa gledalaca pocela da se identifikuje bodreci svoje melburnske ljubimce sa "plavi, plavi", kao u staro, dobro vreme.

I trece, nismo napustili igraliste pognutih glava. Ja mislim da je iako bilo prepoznati JUST-ove navijace. Lica razvucenih u osmehle od uha do uha, prepričavali su pred svlacioniom svaki najmanji detalj pobe.

O igri necu da vam pisem. Potez za potezom opisali su drugi listovi pre nas, a i "Soccer Action" jo je posvetio dosta prostora. Ja sam sedeo bez papira i olovke i uživao u igri. Tapsao sam se po ramenu za neke moje ranije primedbe koje, cini me se, nisu ostale neprimicene, ali sam neke svoje ranije primedbe gutao kao gorke pulule. Bez obznanje.

Kasnije, u Markonijevom klubu, dok smo slavili pobeodu, izmenjali smo misljenja, naravno u najboljem raspolozenju. Rujevic mi predlaze da drugi put nosim naocare koji navijaju za JUST-a, a Cirkovic ne moze da mi oprosti izliv ogorčenja u jednom od proslih komentara. On veruje da dele treba tuci pre nego sto pocije sa kragom za vodu, a ne tek kad ga razbiju.

Rasica nikad nisam video tako utucenog. Na moje pitanje sta ima da kaze o utakmici, kratko je odgovorio: "Izgubili smo sampionati!"

TARAX — RACV 3:2

Tarax je odneo jos jednu pobeodu golovima Adamovica, Hazlabdica i Panika.

Medju nekoliko povredjenih veterana koji nisu mogli da nastupe, bio je i V. Mladenovic.

Kazu ljudi da jedna lasta ne cini prolece.

Nije istina.

Uzmite za primer HAKOAH u Drzavnoj ligi. Jedanaest meseci nisu dobili ni jednu utakmicu dok im nije dosao Micic.

U subotu su smazali Juventus sa 5:0!

Druga utakmica — druga pobeoda.

ESSENDON-CROATIA takode neke ublazave pakleni tempo. Udesili su Frankston za Vrbicu, isto tako sa 5:0.

PEGASUS — Roman Leathergoods 3:1

Strelci: L. Pavlovic, Taylor i V. Ovar.

Najbolji u Pegasusu Alex Todorovic, Jovo Milinov.

Pegasus je jedini tim u Industrijskoj ligi koji nije izgubio ni jednu utakmicu za poslednjih 9 meseci. Glavni razlog uspeha su redovni treninzi i medjusobno razumevanje, kaze njihov trener.

Kostur tima je Petelickak, koji je igrao u omladinskom timu Ljubljanske Olimpije. Zatim Musi, Pavlovic i Ovar.

Iduce nedelje Pegasus igra sa Roman Leathergoods za kup Industrijske lige na svom terenu. Pocetak u 10 sati ujutru.

Footscray JUST's players do not like playing at the club's home ground, Schintler Reserve.

This was revealed by tenacious JUST midfielder Mirko Rujevic.

"Schintler Reserve is in a shocking condition," said Mirko. "It's very bumpy, and that doesn't help the team's style of pushing the ball around with short passes. Not one of us likes playing there."

"The team plays much better at Middle Park and Olympic Park because those grounds have good surfaces. Schintler was all right for a couple of games after the pitch was re-surfaced but now it's no good."

The players' dislike of their home ground is reflected in the side's poor showing in games at the reserve. In five games, JUST has suffered three defeats (0-1 Newcastle KB Ltd, 1-2 Fitzroy Alexander, 0-1 v Adelaide Juventus) and managed to win only two points (1-1 v Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, 2-2 v Brisbane City).

The decision to play home fixtures at Schintler Reserve was made from an economic viewpoint, but it's a shame that JUST's fluent style, which makes it one of the most attractive teams in the Philips League, is suffering.

More bad news for JUST supporters is that 32-year-old Rujevic may retire at the end of this season.

"I will wait and see how I feel," said Rujevic, "but lately I've been getting nagging injuries. I never used to get hurt playing soccer, and I may decide to give up playing in the P.S.L."

However, he added that he would continue playing, in a lower division.

"I've played a few friendly games with Tarax (Industrial League) over the past few years," said Mirko. "There's no way I could stop playing altogether."

Maybe Rujevic will end up with JUST's Second Division side, which is full of promising youngsters and is making a determined bid for promotion to the First Division. The team's

prolific goalscorer in the State League with JUST in his heyday. Rujevic's experience would benefit the team's younger players.

However, there's one big factor that may persuade Rujevic to stay on just a little longer. Like a lot of Footscray players, Mirko is caught up in the tremendous spirit of the club, which he says is like "one big, happy family."

"I've been with JUST for eight years," he said, "and it's a great club. I once had an offer to join Juventus and I trained with that team one night. However, I knew straight away I could never leave JUST."

Although he's lately been overshadowed by the Picloanes, Ristovski and Bolands, he's still one of the most valuable players in the club. He can be relied on to fight for the ball for every minute of the game, as well as show skill in the typical Yugoslav tradition.

A familiar sight during JUST games is Rujevic, socks rolled down to his ankles, running non-stop in the midfield with an intense look on his face, tackling sometimes players twice his size.

"Sure I fight for every ball," said Mirko, "and I'm not scared to go into a hard challenge. When I was a centre forward (he switched to midfield six seasons ago) I'd always get a few goals because I'd chase all the time."

However, if Rujevic is made out to sound like just a battler with brawn and no brain, then that impression is totally wrong. Many people will be surprised to find that Rujevic was a chess wiz as a youth!

"I used to love both chess and soccer," said Rujevic, "but I couldn't decide which I liked better, so I tried to do well at both. However, if I had given up chess I would've been a much better soccer player."

Mirko told of the time he was playing an important soccer match with his club, Novisad, which was in the Yugoslav second division. As soon as the game was over he rushed to the airport to catch a plane to take him to

"I was really mad for both games," said Mirko. "When I was young I would play chess from 10 o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon. Then I would ride my bicycle a couple of miles to where I'd play soccer for the rest of the day."

It was a stroke of bad luck in 1964 that put a temporary end to Mirko's aspirations to be a top chess player.

"The Junior Chess World Cup in Barcelona was coming up," said Rujevic, "and everyone was saying I had a good future in chess and would make the Yugoslav team. However, I missed out and was very disappointed."

Mirko was 18 at that time, but later his love for chess overtook his love for soccer, and he retired from the latter for 1½ years.

Proof of the man's versatility came later when he returned to soccer and became captain of the Third division club he joined.

"I had a very good position with that club," said Mirko, "but later I moved to Novisad."

However, even though Mirko has had a reasonably successful soccer career, he feels he could've done even better.

"In one junior team I played in," he said, "was a player named Alexic Nectickoeic, who later went on to play for Yugoslavia in a full international. However, he wasn't really talented, he just worked hard. When he said to me that one day he would represent his country I just laughed at him."

"My problem was that I didn't put my heart into training. If the coach ordered 15 push-ups, I'd do nine or ten, then stop. However, Alexic would do 20, and his hard work got him to the top."

"I couldn't see the point of training hard. I just wanted to kick the ball around and play."

In 1970, Rujevic received an offer to come to Australia from an official from JUST, who was in Yugoslavia on holiday.

"I said I would go," said Mirko, "but really I wasn't sure. However, I don't regret coming to Australia. I'm very happy with life here, and have an Australian wife, Vera."

One thing the venture Down Under did for Rujevic was make him con-

"Chess in Australia isn't as popular as it is in Yugoslavia," said Mirko, "so chess is just my hobby now."

Since arriving, Rujevic has been a part of JUST. He determined play won him selection for Victoria, as well as the spoils of the club's many achievements in domestic soccer.

He has represented the State 10 times, the most memorable games being against Cruzeiro of Brazil, Dundee and Glasgow Rangers (both of Scotland).

"Cruzeiro was the tops," said Mirko. "Some of the team's players were incredible, especially Tostao who played in the 1970 World Cup final for Brazil against Italy."

However, a knee injury sustained in a game for Victoria against Australia 'B' put Rujevic out of soccer for a while.

"I can't remember who kicked me," said Mirko, "but after that I couldn't run at full pace. I saw some specialists and they said I'd better have an operation. I didn't like that idea."

Regarding doctors' advice, Rujevic started training on his own during the close season. Then in March he started training with the team again. Amazingly, Mirko fought back and recovered fully from the injury without much treatment.

Over the years, Mirko has played with some great players at JUST. The names Micic, Buljevic, Zoraja spring to mind, and not surprisingly, Mirko says Frank Micic was the best he's seen at JUST.

"I hardly ever saw Frank play a bad game," said Mirko. "Others, like Branko Buljevic, could be brilliant every so often, but Frank was good all the time."

Rujevic has stated the reasons for JUST's poor form at Schintler Reserve, and says that a lot of other points have been lost because of the team's lack of a striker, and because of bad luck.

"The team has played really badly only once this season," said Mirko. "That was against Brisbane City (in Brisbane) when we had about five players out injured."

Hopefully JUST will be able to get a few wins that will lift it into the top half of the ladder. At the moment, Footscray is the only Melbourne P.S.L. club that isn't in the top half of the table. However, with Mirko Rujevic in the fray, JUST won't go down

THE FINEST WORLD CUP OF THEM ALL

Argentina, '78 will be remembered as the World Cup that set new standards in soccer.

It is the first World Cup dominated almost completely by pure skill.

Football has been the winner all the way. Some countries — Peru, for example — which had not been considered among the serious candidates, played with the same skill as the traditional giants.

Even the teams that went home after the first round — France, Hungary, Spain, Tunisia, Iran and Scotland — relied to the greater degree on pure technique.

They failed to qualify only because others were better at the same game. Of course all the countries that went into the second round were in super physical condition as well as having super technique.

Other countries that failed to reach Argentina, have worked for a decade on achieving the maximum physically but to their detriment, they forgot that fitness is nothing without a comparable level of skill.

The teams that have reached the final eight can play one-two on a 20 cent piece in either penalty area — Brazil, Argentina, Germany, Italy, Peru for example.



Germany's Heinz Flohe — one of the outstanding players of the tournament, now out of action with a hamstring injury.

Let's hope that this type of play heralds the future of soccer.

However, in relation to the Australian situation, I am afraid that skill is still not encouraged or protected enough.

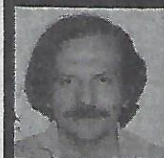
The ability to play one-two in either penalty area is the result of practice and more practice over many years, and of course it is also the result of a particular system of coaching — a system intent on developing ball skill.

My advice to all coaches is to concentrate on technique, pure technique. This is what the spectators are starving for and what will give them satisfaction. It will

also give satisfaction to the coaches because eventually they will see the results of their hard work.

Only by raising the general level of skill in Australian football can we even hope to compete at the extraordinary level of achievement we are now witnessing in televised games from Argentina.

Look at the greatest of the players — Passarella of Argentina, Flohe of Germany, Cubillas of Peru, Bettoga of Italy — each is the complete master of the ball, the ultimate ball wizard. They are the men setting new standards in world football — standards we must follow.



PETER GEORGIU

of the
'Hellenic Herald'

ΟΙ ΑΡΧΟΝΤΕΣ ΤΩΝ ΓΗΠΕΔΩΝ
ΚΑΙ Η ΑΜΟΙΒΗ ΤΟΥΣ

Όπωςδήποτε γύρω από την αμοιβή των παικτητών λίγος από τους φιλάθλους θα έχουν δώσει σημασία και σίγουρα οι πιο πολλοί θα άγνοούν τι περίπου λαμβάνουν οι άνθρωποι αυτοί στις διάφορες κατηγορίες που διατίθενται.

Το θέμα αυτό είναι σοβαρό και μάλιστα γίνεται σοβαρότερο στις μικρότερες κατηγορίες που λίγο πολύ οι άρχοντες των αγώνων ταλαιπωρούνται και διανύουν μεγάλες αποστάσεις (συμβαίνει πολλές φορές) για να πάρουν στο τέλος 12 δολάρια!

Στην Έθνικα κατηγορία λοιπόν η αμοιβή για ένα ρεφερέ είναι \$60 ενώ για τους επόπτες γραμμών είναι 25 δολάρια για τόν καθένα.

Από την πρώτη όψη λοιπόν το εξηντάρι μπορεί να φαίνεται κάπως υποφερτό, με την διαφορά πως υπάρχει και το ελάλας.

Αν δηλαδή ο ρεφερέ θα όρισε να πάει στο Σύνεδρο να διευθύνει αγώνα τότε, να μην του πληρώνονται: τα έξοδα του ελαττωμένου αλλά μέχρι εκεί!

Έξοδα φαγητού ή έστω για ένα... καφέ θα τα πληρώσει από την τσέπη του.

Έτσι αν αφαιρέσουμε τουλάχιστον 30 δολάρια για τα έξοδα του, τότε θα πάρει και 30 ενώ συνκρόνως θα λείπει από το σπλί του και την οικογένειά του μιαλόκληρη ημέρα!

Τα 60 δολάρια λοιπόν που λαμβάνει ο ρεφερέ μπροστά στις εισπραχίες που θα έχει κάνει ή γνηπεδοϋχος ομάδα είναι πράγματι πένταξ. Αν υποθέσουμε πως ο Ένα αγώνα θα πάρει 5.000 φιλάθλοι, οι εισπραχίες φυσικά θα φθάσουν στις 15.000 δολάρια. Αν τώρα αφαιρέσουμε τα έξοδα για την γνηπεδοϋχο οπωσδήποτε της μένει ένα σεβαστό κέρδος οε χιλιάδες δολάρια, οπότε \$100 για τόν διαπτητή να δοθούν δεν είναι τίποτα.

Γνωρίζω πως πολλοί θα πούνε: Δεν θα δαρίσει τόν ρεφερέ θα πληρώσουμε πού μάς... έκαψε!

Δυστυχώς αυτή είναι ή παρεξήγηση και οι άνθρωποι αυτοί που διευθύνουν τούς αγώνες που άκουσε λίγα χειροκροτήματα είναι οι πλέον άδικημένοι.

Αν πάσουμε τις μικρές κατηγορίες στην Βικτωρία:

Καλύτερα να μη το συζητάμε γιατί από την Γ' κατηγορία έως το Ντίστρικτ Λήγκ η αμοιβή είναι 12 δολάρια!

Ένα ζωντανό παράδειγμα είναι οι ταζίδι που έκανε ένας διαπτηςήν την περασμένη Κυριακή από το Ντάντεντονγκ (πύ μένει) έως το Μπράλαρατ για να διαπτεύσει έναν αγώνα Δ' κατηγορίας και τελικά να πάρει 12 δολάρια!

Και μετά ή Βικτωριανή Όμοσπονδία φάναει για νέους διαπτηςήν!

Ναι παραδέχομαι πως ο κάθε διαπτηςήν δεν περιμένει να ζήσει από το ποδόσφαιρο αλλά όχι να πληρώσει και περίοτερα δολάρια για την βενζίνη του απ' όσα θα πάρει από έναν αγώνα!


Δεν ος φαίνεται ότι πάει πολύ:
Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ



Hakoah's Henry Mowbray tackles Alexander's Andy Bozikas during the 1-1 draw at Olympic Park last Sunday.

RALE RASIC

Hat-trick heroes



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The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.
5. Send the information to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic, and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Robert Palmricciuti, 14, four goals, David Patrick (Hamlyn Rangers), John Grilly, 12, Robert Gaudi, 12, four goals, Tony Varalla, 9 (Broadmeadows), Craig Devonport, 8, four goals (Moorebank), Tony Bacic, 10 (Northern Suburbs Region, Tas), Raymond Zahra, 14, four goals (Moreland), Greg Kannemeyer, 16, Con Lantouris, 11, John Eleencevski, 14 (Caulfield), Trevor McLean, 10, four goals (Brighton), Stephen Griffin, 10, five goals, Jason Banks, 9, Mark Farland, 10 (Karingal);

Frank Concilia, 12, Harry Dafopoulos, 12, Pasquale Rumoro, 13 (Kellor Austria), Mike Maplesden, 9 (Sunbury), David Langley, 15 (Sebastopol Vikings), Franco Leone, 10, six goals (Box Hill), Mickey Vuradin, 11 (West United), Spencer Field, 7, seven goals, Darren Lewis, 7 (Fernree Gully), Wayne Weber, 12, five goals (Dandenong North), Joseph Dosem, 12, (Essendon Technical School), Orfeo Panaccio, 8 (Albion Leyland), Craig Lewis, 12 (Warrane High School, Tas), Steven Gojevic, 12, seven goals (Essendon), Chris Stomas, 10, Steven Miller, 9, Greg Holmes, 9 (Fernree Gully), Anthony Aiello, 11, four goals (Dandenong City), Anthony Smith, 7, Craig Micklejohn, 9 (Springvale), Mark Clough, 9 (Albion Park, NSW), J. Handley, 6, five goals, M. Duncan, 6, five goals, A. Brophy, 6, seven goals (Mornington), Glen Brown, 14, six goals, Edin Subara-Zuric, 12, five goals (Kaysborough), David Anzivar, 14, Arthur Rahovitas, 13 (Banksia), David Fenech, 14, Tony Tabone, 14 (Green Gully), Mike Addicoat, 9, Damien Isarin, 7 (Peninsula), Theo Mitsou, 11 (Clayton Primary School), Darren Hurt, 7 (Boronia), Con Gelemitis, 14, seven goals (Mordialloc), no address supplied, certificate cannot be forwarded; Mark Ledgrove, 11 (Doveton), Phil Carey, 14, four goals.

Anthony Norris, 14, four goals (Wyoming, NSW); Michael Ward, 12 (Nunawading); Franz Franze, 15 (North Reservoir).



A view from the junior ranks BY LEIF JENSEN

I was pleased to find a letter from Mrs Wright of Lyndale in my mail this week. It is a constructive letter but as most of the things Mrs Wright wants changed have been suggested by a coach in the same area, I will print his letter this week.

All letters received have been handed over to the J.L.M.C. for further perusal. The letter this week is one which I can answer, because I am involved with the U/13 age group.

So let us read what "Joe" from the Dandenong Area has to say. He writes "I am writing as a coach, Dandenong Region U/13 age group. My main complaint about regional selection is that in my opinion, and that of my coaching colleagues, no team has five or six boys good enough to play for the regional team."

Yet this happened with the U/13 Dandenong Region team this year. In the squad of 16 boys, five are from Doncaster, five from Springvale, and the rest made up from about four other clubs, a total of six clubs representing 40 U/13 teams in the area. Is this a true representation?

My second point concerns the selection method used. At present any boy who kicks a ball can go along to trials and try his luck, in fact some clubs send as many as nine boys to the trials, their motive being to have one or two boys picked.

This leads to a glut of boys and makes it hard for the coach to judge in the space of two hours who is best and who is not.

These scouts could report back to the co-ordinator, who in turn could inform the appointed coach.

This is a tried and proven method used overseas and I think should be given a trial here.

Well Joe, I felt your letter had to be answered in fairness to the Dandenong Region U/13 coach and manager who, in my opinion, are doing a terrific job and have one of the best Region teams this year.

There are about 21 U/13 teams in the Dandy area, and the Regional team is as follows: 4-Box Hill, 2-Doncaster, 3-Waverley, 4-Knox, 1-Ringwood, 3-Springvale, 1-Kew Park Rangers, 1-Lyndale, 19 Boys in all, from 8 different Clubs.

Another thing you must bear in mind, Joe is that at least half the clubs in any area do not send any of their boys to the trials. Regarding the selecting method used, this is up to the J.L.M.C. to decide.

But like you, I have some ideas on how to improve the section which I will submit to Soccer House. I can assure you that these people welcome all suggestions.



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Dixon at light-up

The Victorian Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr Brian Dixon, was among the guests at the official "turning on" of First Division Waverley City's new floodlights.

The \$3000 lights, which were financed by a private donation, light up two grounds at the club's Sixth Avenue site, allowing extensive training at night for the junior and senior teams.

Waverley struck trouble when a nearby factory refused to allow the club to use the security lights, which, when switched on at night, provided enough light for training purposes.

17 by Handley

The boys of Mornington (Vic) under 17A team are off to a flying start in their first year of soccer.

After five games they were undefeated, with a goal average of 34.2.

One player, J. Handley, 6, scored four hat-tricks, giving him a total of 17 goals — five against Karingal and Seaford, four against Seaford and three

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLORS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: **Kentucky Fried Chicken**

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)

COACH: J. Warren. 54 1787 (L)

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)

663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH. 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR:



This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLORS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

Girls interested in entering the Miss Alexander Quest for 1978 should ring Mrs Polly Mazaras (560 4863), Mrs S. Mengos (480 1252).

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.

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MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: J. Vlasits.

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLORS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

General Manager: Mike Whitewood.
(Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park.

COLORS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181

SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: G. Gibson

GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices **patra**

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLORS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.



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